AUSTRALIA'S INTERNATIONAL

SOCCER RESULTS

1950 - 1959

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The saga continues further

please follow my research into the 1950's.

I have left sufficient gaps to stir the interest of future researchers.

Full Internationals shown as **BOLD**

1950						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
02-May	Fremantle	s.s.Arawa	Australia	0-11		
03-May	Fremantle	Fremantle City	Australia	1-7		
24-May	Capetown	Western Province (South Africa)	Australia	1-2	80 minute duration	
27-May	Johannesburg	Southern Transvaal (South Africa)	Australia	1-1	80 minute duration	
31-May	Pretoria	Northern Transvaal (South Africa)	Australia	5-3	80 minute duration	
03-Jun	Durban	Natal (South Africa)	Australia	2-1	80 minute duration	
07-Jun	Bloemfontein	Orange Free State (South Africa)	Australia	1-2	80 minute duration	
10-Jun	Benoni	Eastern Transvaal (South Africa)	Australia	2-2	80 minute duration	
14-Jun	Salisbury	Southern Rhodesia	Australia	0-5	80 minute duration	
17-Jun	Bulawayo	Southern Rhodesia	Australia	1-4	80 minute duration	
21-Jun	Pietermaritzburg	Natal (South Africa)	Australia	3-2	80 minute duration	
24-Jun	Durban	**Union of South Africa**	**Australia**	3-2		
28-Jun	Witbank	North Transvaal Country Districts (South Africa)	Australia	0-9	80 minute duration	
01-Jul	Johannesburg	**Union of South Africa**	**Australia**	2-1		
08-Jul	Port Elizabeth	**Union of South Africa**	**Australia**	1-2		
12-Jul	Kimberley	Griqualand West (South Africa)	Australia	3-7	80 minute duration	
15-Jul	East London	Frontier (South Africa)	Australia	0-4	80 minute duration	
19-Jul	Mossel Bay	South Western Country Districts (South Africa)	Australia	0-13	80 minute duration	
22-Jul	Capetown	**Union of South Africa**	**Australia**	0-2		
29-Jul	Capetown	Western Province (South Africa)	Australia	3-3	80 minute duration	
17-Aug	Perth	Western Australia	Australia	1-5		
26-Aug	Adelaide	South Australia	Australia	0-6		
02-Sep	Sydney	New South Wales	Australia	3-0		
03-Sep	Wallsend	New South Wales	Australia	1-2		
17-Sep	Noumea	New Caledonia	Australian Association XI	1-0		
19-Sep	Noumea	New Caledonia	Australian Association XI	2-4		
23-Sep	Noumea	New Caledonia	Australian Association XI	3-1		
26-Sep	Noumea	New Caledonia	Australian Association XI	2-3		

1951						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
09-May	Sydney	New South Wales	Australian XI	4-3		
19-May	Sydney	The Rest	Australian XI	1-5		
26-May	Sydney	Australia	England F.A.XI	1-4		
11-Jun	Melbourne	Australian XI	England F.A.XI	1-6		
23-Jun	Adelaide	Australian XI	England F.A.XI	1-13		
30-Jun	Sydney	Australia	England F.A.XI	0-17		
07-Jul	Brisbane	Australia	England F.A.XI	1-4		
14-Jul	Sydney	Australia	England F.A.XI	1-6		
21-Jul	Newcastle	Australia	England F.A.XI	0-5		

1952						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
30-Aug	Perth	Western Australia	Australian XI	0-2		
01-Sep	Perth	Western Australia	Australian XI	1-1		

1953						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
25-Jul	Sydney	Australia	Hong Kong Chinese XI	1-4		
01-Aug	Newcastle	Australian XI	Hong Kong Chinese XI	5-2		
08-Aug	Brisbane	Australia	Hong Kong Chinese XI	1-7		
15-Aug	Sydney	Australia	Hong Kong Chinese XI	3-3		
29-Aug	Melbourne	Australia	Hong Kong Chinese XI	2-3		
05-Sep	Adelaide	Australia	Hong Kong Chinese XI	5-0		

1954						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
07-Aug	Adelaide	Australian XI	New Zealand	1-3		
14-Aug	Melbourne	**Australia**	**New Zealand**	1-2		
28-Aug	Brisbane	**Australia**	**New Zealand**	4-1		
04-Sep	Sydney	**Australia**	**New Zealand**	4-1		

1955						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
09-Jul	Sydney	Australia	Rapid Vienna (Austria)	2-6		
16-Jul	Newcastle	Australia	Rapid Vienna (Austria)	1-5		
16-Jul	Melbourne	Australian XI	South China Athletic Association	3-5		
23-Jul	Brisbane	Australia	Rapid Vienna (Austria)	3-5		
29-Jul	Adelaide	Australian XI	South China Athletic Association	3-5		
30-Jul	Melbourne	Australia	Rapid Vienna (Austria)	1-4		
06-Aug	Brisbane	Australia	South China Athletic Association	0-5		
13-Aug	Adelaide	Australian XI	Rapid Vienna (Austria)	2-8		
13-Aug	Sydney	Australia	South China Athletic Association	6-1		
17-Aug	Sydney	Australia	Rapid Vienna (Austria)	3-2		
21-Aug	Wallsend	Australia	South China Athletic Association	0-1		
03-Sep	Brisbane	**Australia**	**Union of South Africa**	0-3		
10-Sep	Melbourne	**Australia**	**Union of South Africa**	0-2		
17-Sep	Adelaide	**Australia**	**Union of South Africa**	0-8		
24-Sep	Sydney	**Australia**	**Union of South Africa**	0-6		
01-Oct	Newcastle	**Australia**	**Union of South Africa**	1-4		

1956						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
14-Jul	Perth	Western Australia	Australian XI	1-4		
17-Jul	Adelaide	South Australia	Australian XI	2-3		
21-Jul	Hobart	Tasmania	Australian XI	1-15		
22-Jul	Melbourne	Victoria	Australian XI	0-3		
04-Aug	Brisbane	Queensland	Australian XI	5-2		
05-Aug	Sydney	New South Wales	Australian XI	4-3		
18-Aug	Sydney	New South Wales	Australian XI	3-1		
19-Aug	Wallsend	New South Wales	Australian XI	0-1		
15-Nov	Melbourne	Australia	U.S.S.R.	1-15		
19-Nov	Melbourne	Australia	Great Britain	1-3		
20-Nov	Melbourne	Australia	India	3-1		
23-Nov	Melbourne	Australia	Yugoslavia	1-5		
25-Nov	Melbourne	Australia	India	3-4		
27-Nov	Melbourne	**Australia**	**Japan**	2-0		Olympic Games finals- 1st.round
28-Nov	Melbourne	Australia	United Team of Germany	3-3		
29-Nov	Melbourne	Australia	United Team of Germany	?-?		
01-Dec	Melbourne	**Australia**	**India**	2-4		Olympic Games finals- 2nd.round
06-Dec	Melbourne	Australia	HMS Newcastle	7-2		
12-Dec	Sydney	**Australia**	**India**	1-7		

1957						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
29-Jun	Wallsend	Australia	FK Austria	3-2		
06-Jul	Sydney	Australia	FK Austria	3-8		
06-Jul	Adelaide	Australian XI	Ferencvaros (Hungary)	0-3		
10-Jul	Hobart	Australian XI	Ferencvaros (Hungary)	2-3		
13-Jul	Sydney	Australia	Eastern Athletic (Hong Kong)	4-1		
20-Jul	Brisbane	Australia	Eastern Athletic (Hong Kong)	2-2		
31-Jul	Sydney	Australia	Ferencvaros (Hungary)	1-6		
03-Aug	Sydney	Australia	Ferencvaros (Hungary)	2-9		
07-Aug	Hobart	Australian XI	Eastern Athletic (Hong Kong)	2-2		
10-Aug	Melbourne	Australia	Eastern Athletic (Hong Kong)	2-1		
17-Aug	Sydney	Australia	FK Austria	1-5		

1958						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
03-May	Sydney	Australia	Blackpool (England)	2-5		
10-May	Sydney	Australia	Blackpool (England)	2-8		
17-May	Brisbane	Australia	Blackpool (England)	2-4		
24-May	Adelaide	Australia	Blackpool (England)	0-1		
31-May	Melbourne	Australia	Blackpool (England)	0-7		
02-Aug	Auckland	Auckland Province (New Zealand)	Australia	2-1		
05-Aug	Wellington	Wellington Province (New Zealand)	Australia	2-2		
07-Aug	Nelson	Nelson Combined (New Zealand)	Australia	0-6		
09-Aug	Dunedin	South Island (New Zealand)	Australia	0-3		
12-Aug	Canterbury	South Canterbury Combined (New Zealand)	Australia	0-10		
13-Aug	Christchurch	Canterbury Province (New Zealand)	Australia	0-8		
16-Aug	Wellington	**New Zealand**	**Australia**	2-3		
19-Aug	Taranaki	Taranaki Combined (New Zealand)	Australia	1-8		
21-Aug	Hamilton	Waikato (New Zealand)	Australia	2-5		
23-Aug	Auckland	**New Zealand**	**Australia**	2-2		

1959						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
09-May	Sydney	Australia	Heart of Midlothian (Scotland)	1-7		
10-May	Wallsend	Australian XI	Heart of Midlothian (Scotland)	1-6		
16-May	Brisbane	Australia	Heart of Midlothian (Scotland)	1-7		
23-May	Sydney	Australia	Heart of Midlothian (Scotland)	1-7		
30-May	Melbourne	Australia	Heart of Midlothian (Scotland)	1-9		
06-Jun	Adelaide	Australia	Heart of Midlothian (Scotland)	0-6		
13-Jun	Perth	Australian XI	Heart of Midlothian (Scotland)	0-9		

1950

The Australian tour to South Africa had been seriously discussed since October 1949, but it all boiled down to money.
Early in November 1949, when the South African Soccer Association met to draw up plans for 1950 - it had a four-point tour options plan to consider:-
1) Liverpool, first division club, asked £14,000 for 13 games.
2) Arsenal asked a similar amount for 14 games.
3) A Scottish club £11,000 for 15 games.
4) Australia 22 games for £11,000.
Of the four offers to tour the South African delegates decided to invite Australia.
It was officially stated, "Because English Soccer League clubs are making prohibitive financial demands, the S.A.S.A. has turned down the projected tour by Liverpool and Arsenal and has instead invited Australia."
The Australian offer was accepted in preference to that of the Scottish offer as the Union had had a succession of Scottish teams - Motherwell, Clyde and Aberdeen.

The Australian Soccer Football Association considered flying the team to South Africa but were restricted by the number of seats it could book. In the end it was decided to go by sea on the s.s.Arawa.
When the team reached Fremantle two practice games were held to keep players match fit.

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
2nd. May 1950,	Fremantle, Western Australia			

s.s.Arawa..0 v. Australia..11

half time,

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK							GK					
	RB							RB					
	LB							LB					
	RH							RH					
	CH							CH					
	LH							LH					
	OR							OR					
	IR							IR					
	CF							CF					
	IL							IL					
	OL							OL					

Team Coach		Team Coach	Tom Jack
Team Manager		Team Managers	Dave T.Johnstone
Referee			H.J.Barwick
Linesman			
Linesman			

Match report from The West Australian, 3/5/1950, page 20 (http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/47845229)
The Australian soccer team showed impressive form yesterday in a match against a soccer team from the Arawa, the ship which will convey the team to South Africa. The ship's team was beaten 11 goals to nil.
It was the first time the Australian team had played together. Training has been strenuous for the Australians and as much ball-training and match-practice as possible will be squeezed into the few days the team will spend in Fremantle preparatory to the long voyage to South Africa. Yesterday morning the team trained and in the afternoon played a match. This afternoon it will play a match against a Fremantle side at Stevens Reserve, Fremantle.

Mention of this game was also recorded in an article in the Cape Argus, 3/5/1950.
According to Sapa *(South African Press Association)* the team is squeezing in as much ball training and match practice as possible before the ship sails.
Yesterday the tourists played together as a team for the first time to beat an Arawa team by 11 goals to nil. The team play a Fremantle side today.

The s.s.Arawa was the third vessel to carry this name. The Arawa was the renamed Esperance Bay built 1936 and was transferred from the Aberdeen & Commonwealth Line to the Saw Savill & Albion Line.
It was scrapped at Newport, South Wales in 1955. In 1985 the Shaw Savill & Albion Line became an integral part of Furness Withy Shipping.
In an attempt to obtain details of this match Furness Withy (London and Melbourne offices) were approached with the hope of obtaining information from the ship's log. Unfortunately this was not kept.

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
3rd. May 1950, 15.00	Stevens Reserve, Fremantle, Western Australia			

Fremantle City..1 v. Australia..7

half time,

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
								GK					
								RB					
								LB					
								RH					
								CH					
								LH					
								OR					
		Ted Croft	X					IR					
								CF	Gordon Nunn	X, X, X, X, X, X			
								IL	Eric Hulme	X			
								OL					

Team Coach		Team Coach	Tom Jack
Team Manager		Team Managers	Dave T.Johnstone
Referee			H.J.Barwick
Linesman			
Linesman			

Match report from The West Australian, 4/5/1950, page 17 (http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/47845528)
The Australian soccer team beat a Fremantle City side 7-1 in a match at Fremantle yesterday. Goalkickers for Australia were Bunny Nunn (6) and Eric Hill. Croft kicked Fremantle City's only goal. Hill is a New South Wales player and Nunn is a Queenslander.
The touring team will leave for South Africa in the Arawa at 10 o'clock tonight.

There was no player named Eric Hill in the team squad and it is assumed that the reference was to Eric Hulme.

Note that all provincial games in South Africa (this includes matches against Southern Rhodesia) were of 80 minutes duration.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
24th. May 1950,	Hartleyvale, Cape Town, South Africa	Bright and Sunny		10500

Western Province (South Africa)..1 v. Australia..2

half time, Western Province..0 v. Australia..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Alec Creadie (Clyde)						GK	Norman Conquest				
	RB	W.Brown (Clyde)						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	John Hastie (Clyde)						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	Max Maskin (c) (Clyde)						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	Alf Louw (Park Villa)						CH	Tom Jack				
	LH	Angus Powell (Marist)						LH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	OR	Thomas McKay (Park Villa)						OR	George Sanders				
	IR	Alfred Luck (Penisula)						IR	Allan James Johns				
	CF	Sid Boswell (Wynberg)						CF	Gordon Nunn	15, 16			
	IL	L.Miller (Park Villa)						IL	Eric Hulme				
	OL	J.D.Bingle (Park Villa)	X(pk)					OL	Harry Robertson				

Team Coach		Team Coach	Tom Jack
Team Manager		Team Managers	Dave T.Johnstone
Referee	B.Gradner		H.J.Barwick
Linesman		Squad List	Goalkeepers
Linesman			
			Fullbacks
			Half-backs
			Forwards

N.Conquest (N.S.W.)
W.Mahoney (N.S.W.)
K.O'Neill (N.S.W.)
C.Drummond (N.S.W.)
C.Nicholls
D.Kennedy (Victoria)
R.Lawrie (Queensland)
T.Jack (Victoria)
R.Young (N.S.W.)
J.Smith (S.A.)
G.Sanders (N.S.W.)
A.J.Johns (N.S.W.)
G.Nunn (Queensland)
E.Hulme (N.S.W.)
H.Robertson (N.S.W.)
F.Parsons (N.S.W.)
J.R."Jack" Wilson (Victoria)

match report from The Cape Argus, 25/5/1950
Australians start tour well.
They play soccer with purposeful vigour. By Billy Sudell.
As the record crowd of us struggled out of Hartleyvale yesterday evening, I think a few, if any, could have felt dissatisfied. The Province had been beaten but by the narrowest possible margin (1-2), in a game that guaranteed hard and delightful struggles to come - guaranteed by the purposeful vigour of a set of young fellows whose technical limitations detract little from their physical appeal.
There is not much of the professional about them - they bring back to us reminders in the strength of their booting and singlemindedness of their tackling, the days when a player's leg was worth much less than £10,000.

Yet, they were, I think, a little lucky to win their first match, however many they may win - and I think there will be many - in the days before them.
They began with a confidence that towards the end - facing a setting and bothersome sun - was evaporating. Another quarter of an hour might have brought a different result.
Nunn, their centre-forward, who got both their goals, was as I saw it (though the referee may have been in a better position to decide) well off-side when he trapped the ball from which the first goal came.
Had Bingle shown more thrust on several occasions I scarcely think Province could have to share the honours - although to Bingle fell the distinction of scoring Province's goal with a well-taken penalty kick.
With their superiority toward the closing stages of a match that deserves to rank high in the way of spectacular interest, Province must be admitted to have come well out of a struggle that had never a dull moment.
Yet somehow I never felt that they would win, and largely because the thrusts that mattered were confined to the right wing and centre.
The Australians were all in the picture all the time. No effort was too much for any one of them - and no risk too big to take.
Even towards the end, when feeling the strain they threw their last ounce of energy not simply into defence, but into attack, and one felt that reward might not be denied such wholehearted perseverance.
Because of that, they beat a side at least as good techically in many respects as themselves.
They bobbed up in unexpected places, and time out of number the defence, by clever manoeuvring, got themselves out of difficulties by means of the short and unexpected pass.
Conquest is a great goalkeeper, possessing safe hands and superb judgment. Of the two full-backs I preferred O'Neill, a worker of amazing enegy who kicks like a horse and tackles with all he possesses.
Young, Jack and Lawrie were, I thought, better on defence than attack, for the two wing-halves were inclined to push the ball too far forward once in possession, and though all were terrier-like, I preferred Jack.
Nunn, following a good start, found the Province centre-half, Louw, a little more than he could manage as the game progressed, and the pick of the Aussie forwards, especially in the earlier stages, were Johns and Sanders, the latter especially doing some grand work.
Of the Province men, I must award the palm to 18-year-old McKay playing his first game for the Province. Apart from accident he must play many more.
Small and light as he is, McKay was the most penetrative forward on the field, and Young and Drummond could seldom stop him once he was given control of the ball.
Boswell, in the centre, with a halting left wing, was too often left in the air; but Luck often "fed" little McKay cleverly.
Centre-half Louw was a tower of strength, but in the first half Powell had an uneasy time against frisky Sanders, while Maskin was, though sound when in possession of the ball, too often on the ground.
Brown was steady if not obtrusive, while Credie and Hastie seldom put a foot wrong. Credie between the posts giving a display comparable with the almost unconquerable Conquest.

match report from The Rand Daily Mail, 25/5/1950
Australia are off on the victory trail - but it was a close thing. And nobody can accuse manager Dave Johnston of keeping Gordon "Bunny" Nunn, his danger man, a dressing-room secret.
Two great goals from this skilful leader did the trick.
Still ten thousand Western Province fans - a record crowd - will probably claim that the tourists were fortunate to escape with their win.
After being very definitely second best during the thrill-a-minute opening half Western Province fought back towards the close, reduced the lead with a penalty taken by left-winger Bingle, and missed many chances.
Under the circumstances it was perhaps expected that Australia would be unable to last the full eighty minutes at top pace - and this proved to be the case.
They became leg-weary as the second half moved towards the final whistle and the slower they became the more rugged and robust became their defence.
Anyway don't be misled by the narrowness of this victory. When travelling the Australians have a dangerous forward line and in defence Tom Jack - playing third-back as expected - and Cecil "Tiger" Drummond do anything to save the situation.
While behind there is a polished keeper in Norman Conquest.
The first time he touched the ball "Bunny" Nunn showed his class as a centre-forward.
We had samples of his qualities in his goals. Take the first goal scored after 14 minutes of play.
It came just after Boswell the Western Province centre-forward had netted from an obviously offside position. A long through pass by skipper Bob Lawrie put Nunn clear and about 14 yards out, a quick look to see Credie's position and the next second the Western Province keeper was picking a hard ground drive out of the net.
Province barely had time to recover from this setback when a Johns - Sanders right-wing move - a dangerous combination throughout - had the province defenders running in circles.
But few expected Nunn to rise like a bird 15 yards out to connect with John's long cross and beat Credie.
It was a glorious header, perfectly timed and brilliantly executed. Credie never had a chance.
Whenever Province challenged - which was usually down the left wing - there was always Jack to block the middle and full-backs Drummond and O'Neill to move in first-time for the ball.
There you have the Australian strong point. It's first-time tackling all the way and Province obviously didn't relish thoughts of being entangled in a maze of flying feet.
Although Boswell had always appeared likely to be the danger man of the home-front line it was the centre-forward who was guilty of missing two gilt-edged second-half chances.
Each time he was put clear when the ball was lobbed over Jack's head and the leg-weary Australians were unable to cover their centre-half.
The first time Boswell dribbled well into the Australian penalty area, but delayed, Drummond getting across to block his shot.
And then he missed the ball completely when McKay crossed from the right wing.
Province were perhaps lucky with their goal.
Eighteen-year-old McKay was causing plenty of trouble with neat footwork. He crossed into the middle of the packed goalmouth, where the ball struck Drummond's hand.
There was no doubt about referee Gradner's award, and Bingle accepted the chance to belt the ball home.
I imagine Australia were thankful that playing time was only 80 minutes and not 90 as in their own country.

match report from The Rhodesia Herald, 25/5/1950

The Australian Soccer tourists opened their South African tour with a two goals to one victory over Western Province at Hartleyvale to-day, before a record crowd of 10,000.

The teams were piped on to the field in bright weather by the Caledonian Pipe Band.

Western Province attacked first and Tom Jack, the Australian centre-half, broke up a dangerous movement near the Australian goal. A minute later Boswell got his head to a high cross but Conquest, the tourists' goalkeeper, cleared. The Australians swept downfield and Robertson headed past the posts from a cross from Sanders on the opposite wing.

A beautiful cross from Sanders was trapped by Nunn, who tapped the ball towards Robertson near the Western Province goal but Robertson's anticipation was slow and the ball was intercepted by Hastie. The game was played at a fast pace with the ball travelling from one end of the field to the other.

Amid great excitement both teams in turn found the net. First Miller, of Western Province, and then Johns, of Australia netted, but both goals were disallowed for off-side.

In the 15th minute Nunn picked up a pass from Lawrie and beat Credie with a great shot to score Australia's first goal of the tour. Western Province immediately retaliated but Drummond came to Australia's rescue and cleared.

A minute later Nunn increased Australia's lead when he got his head to a high cross from Johns and nodded the ball into the net out of Credie's reach. The Australians were now attacking strongly and Johns rattled the crossbar with a hard drive from about 25 yards out.

A brief raid by Province into their opponents' territory saw Luck, the Province inside-right, shoot past when well-placed.

Western Province were soon back on the attack and Conquest had to save from a well-placed corner by Bingle. Jack, the Australian centre-half, broke up several dangerous raids. When play was taken to the other end Johns tested Credie from close quarters and then Sanders shot past from the right-wing. Province were awarded a free-kick in the Australian half and Maskin sent the ball into the goal area. Conquest showed good judgment in coming out and clearing.

The Australians attacked again and Johns slipped tha ball through to Nunn, who sent in a hard drive which Credie did well to save.

Just before half-time the Australians, who were attacking strongly, almost increased their lead when Sanders sent in a hard drive which hit Credie on the chest.

At half-time the score was: Australia 2, Western Province 0.

In the second half Miller lobbed the ball over Jack's head well inside the Australian half and Boswell sprinted through but before he could get in his kick Drummond, who was playing a great game, cut across and blocked the Western Province centre-forward's shot and the ball went into Conquest's hands.

The Australians attacked strongly but the Province defence held. Western Province were awarded a penalty for hands against Drummond, and Bingle netted to make the score 2-1 in favour of Australia midway in the second half. Heartened by their goal Province were soon back on the attack and Conquest saved from Miller, who got his head to a high cross from McKay.

The game was still being played at a fast pace and both goalkeepers had to save in quick succession. Hulme nearly increased Australia's lead when he hit the upright after picking up a pass from Nunn.

After Conquest had saved a hard shot from McKay, the Province right winger, he was penalised for carrying and after a melee in the goalmouth the ball went behind. Drummond and Luck collided near the Australian goalmouth and both had to receive attention from the ambulance men. Drummond was carried off the field just before the end.

Final score: Australia 2, Western Province 1.

The teams were:-

Australia: N.Conquest; K.O'Neill, C.Drummond; R.Lawrie (capt.), T.Jack, B.Young; G.Sanders, A.Johns, G.Nunn, E.Hulme, H.Robertson.

Western Province: A.Credie; W.Brown, J.Hastie; M.Maskin, A.Louw, A.Powell; T.McKay, A.Luck, S.Boswell, L.Miller, J.Bingle.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
27th. May 1950,	Ellis Park, Johannesburg, South Africa	Bright and Sunny		23000

Southern Transvaal (South Africa)..1 v. Australia..1

half time, Southern Transvaal..0 v. Australia..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Paul Els						GK	Norman Conquest				
	RB	Ben Machanik						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	Gordon Frew						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	Hymie Klonner						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	Len Boonznaaier (c)						CH	Tom Jack				
	LH	Allan Clifford "Cliff" Jacques						LH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	OR	Ron Montgomery	41					OR	George Sanders				
	IR	Ken Zeising						IR	Allan James Johns				
	CF	Viv Marais						CF	Gordon Nunn				
	IL	Arthur Butler						IL	Frank Parsons	75			
	OL	M."Mossie" Ferreira						OL	Harry Robertson				
Team Coach							Team Coach		Tom Jack				
Team Manager							Team Managers		Dave T.Johnstone				
Referee		Jimmy Dove							H.J.Barwick				
Linesman													
Linesman													

Benjamin S. Machanik is also shown as B.Mechanick and B.Mechanik.

match report by Paul Irwin of the Cape Argus, 27/5/1950
More than 20,000 people watched the first soccer match to be played at Ellis Park when the Australians opposed Southern Transvaal today for the second match of their tour. Perfect winter sunshine and a beautifully turfed field greeted the tourists.
Southern Transvaal swept into the attack and, to the astonishment of the crowd, they were awarded a penalty. Jacques took the kick and as Conquest dropped on the straight but hard kick he was given a cheer.
The Rand team should have taken the lead but three times Arthur Butler was wide with his attempts.
Half-time: Australians.. .. 0 S.Transvaal.. .. 0
Within a minute of the restart the Australian defence stood still appealing for off-side, but Montgomery, receiving a pass from Zeising, raced through to slam a left-foot drive into the back of the net to give the Southern Transvaal the lead.
For 10 minutes Australia attacked without, however, being able to get a shot into goal.
Later Els dived and safely collected a 20-yard shot by Parsons, and as the Australians charged him he was rescued by the referee's whistle.
Sanders cut into goal, and when challenged by the advancing Els and Boonzaier got his shot in which missed by inches only as the three players landed in a heap on the turf.
Els had to leave the field holding his ribs. His place in goal was taken by Ferreira.
Ferreira saved a long lob from Sanders but, seconds later, he dropped the ball when Drummond punted a 60-yard lob. As the ball rolled loose Parsons slammed in the equalizer.
Parsons was thrown to the ground by his team-mates and hugged as he lay on the turf.
Immediately after this a number of spectators from the non-European area climbed over the fence, only to be met by about 20 policemen charging across the field.
Final score: Australians.. .. 1 S.Transvaal.. .. 1

match report from the Sunday Times (Johannesburg), 28/5/1950, page 26

With Paul Els off the field injured - he saved an almost certain goal when he threw himself at the feet of little George Sanders - "Mossie" Ferreira, Southern Transvaal's emergency 'keeper, made one major blunder which gave Australia a 1-1 draw at Ellis Park yesterday.

A 23,000-crowd were set to see the Australians beaten as the sands of the game ran out. Then, with five minutes to go, Cecil Drummond swung a long first-time kick upfield. Ferreira came out to save and let the ball bounce off his body. Frank Parsons, tall Sydney-born inside-forward, was there to do the rest.

Parsons stuck out a long left foot. The ball appeared to brush under Ferreira's body as he flung himself in a desperate attempt to recover - and went low into the far corner of the net.

Maybe it was a lucky goal. Yet I say this: These Australians, while more kick-and-rush performers than real ball-workers, deserved to draw on their fighting second half showing.

They were suspect for condition. After all, it was their second game in a week since landing at Cape Town. Never mind, they lasted really well and had a definite second half edge on Southern Transvaal.

The Transvaalers' goal arrived with the second half 60 seconds old. Rod Montgomery, the outside-right, got it, hooking home a left-footer after getting a clear run through faulty defensive covering.

Best of the much-criticised eight Marist players in the Southerns' side was Paul Els. He was in madnificent form. I shall long remember his finger-tips save from Frank Parsons, plus the way he threw himself at the feet of Sanders as the right-winger cut in with the hope of a goal - and glory.

It took lots of pluck to make the save. What happened? Els blocked the close-range shot, was knocked out, and into goal went Ferreira for a couple of minutes. In that time, the outside-left made one fine clearance and then blundered to give Parsons his equalising chance.

Southerns inside forwards, Butler and Zeising, didn't have too good a game - they were out of touch - and Viv Marais usually came out second best against Tom Jack, a burly centre-half with no frills.

I thought too, that the home side's wing half-backs, while good in midfield, failed in approach work. Neither Klonner nor Jacques linked up with the attack, though they did well enough on defence.

Len Boonzaaier, except for a badly ballooned ball which might have proved costly, came out a bit more than even in his duel with Gordon Nunn, the Australian centre-forward.

And the Australians? They are strong, tough and rugged, but we aren't going to learn a thing from them about classic football. Most of them haven't a clue about working the ball, being content to slam first-time, speculative passes which may, or may not, be picked up by a team-mate.

Johns is a worker. He is perhaps the best ball artist of them all. And at half-back, Young gets through lots of solid grafting along with Jack and his captain, Bob Lawrie.

At left-back, Cecil Drummond can hit almost anything first time, but he will be left slithering the wrong way by the first winger who holds the ball, draws him, and dodges his whirlwind rush.

Frew was the better Southern Transvaal full-back. Still, he must not be too cool - or casual - in his work. One back-pass to Els was sheer folly with Sanders there with him. It could have cost a goal.

Southern Transvaal kicked off towards the railway end, but Parsons picked up the ball as it came through and booted hard downfield with his left foot. It was a ballooned ball. Frew killed it, pushed it forward and passed inside to Klonner when tackled by Sanders.

Back bobbed the ball, but Frew finally cleared upfield. There was Parsons again. Once more he cracked a skyhigh ball into the middle. Nunn tried to get up to it, but Boonzaaier was there first to head away.

Next thing, Boonzaaier hit Nunn in the back about three yards outside Southern Transvaal's penalty area. Parson's free-kick went to Sanders, who crossed cleverly. It looked dangerous for Southerns, but Mechanik cleared.

In the fifth minute, Southern Transvaal were awarded a curious sort of penalty. Young blocked Butler, going down on one knee and trapping the ball with his legs. Instantly, referee Dove blew for a penalty, though I don't know why, the tackle looked fair to me.

Jacques took the kick. He hit the ball hard, low - and straight at Conquest. It was the easiest sort of save for the Australian 'keeper.

Back came the Australians. Sanders slipped past Frew and the Nunn went close with the defence spread-eagled. A few seconds later, Els was in action to pull down a Sanders cross.

When Southern Transvaal attacked, Tom Jack beat Viv Marais in the air and Lawrie slipped a low pass to his wing. Jacques was there to cut out the movement, and Southerns came into their opponents' half again.

A long through-pass gave Viv Marais an almost open down-the-middle run. But as Jack challenged, he hit the ball too soon - and too slowly. Conquest went right across his goal to make a finger-tip save for a corner.

Frew badly miskicked and a low cross-field pass went direct to Sanders. It could have been dangerous. As it was, the Australian winger held his centre a fraction and the defence fell back to be on the spot when the ball came over.

Nunn had a shot blocked. Then Johns, who can certainly shoot low and hard, got his body well over the ball and fired a right-footer from about seven yards' range. Boonzaaier got his foot in the way. It was a corner - one Sanders pulled back a shade too much.

When Southerns raided, Montgomery had a chance after Butler had fired high over. The outside-right delayed his run and Drummond slipped the ball to his centre-half, who booted into the home team's half.

After Butler had whipped another shot over the bar, Southern Transvaal went close. In the 19th minute, Montgomery cleverly slipped a low, short pass outside Drummond and Zeising, in turn, stabbed a pass to Viv Marais.

The centre-forward was six yards out. He cracked a right-footer which smashed against the crossbar. Butler, following up, put yet one more shot over.

Still, the Transvaal side was crowding on pressure. And again, following Ferreira's run down the left, Butler put a ball outside the far post. For a change, it was a low one - not over.

When Ferreira hooked a waist high right foot centre, Drummond was bang on the spot to clear first-time. Then we had a sight of Gordon Nunn going through with Boonzaaier beside him.

Keeping his body well to the Southern Transvaal centre-half, Nunn went boring away to the right, Boonzaaier was with him. Unable to turn, Nunn ran on too far and crowded his winger, Sanders, who hadn't a chance when the pass did arrive. There was a lot of "steam" in Nunn's transfer, and the ball went dead.

Els made a clearance after Frew hooked down a long, speculative ball. Yer Nunn, though he must have seen Els wasn't in possession, knocked the 'keeper flat.

Australia's defenders weren't exactly doing the kid glove work and I saw one or two boots swing through. Still, in the main it was good, hard, fast football, and the crowd loved it.

In the 29th minute, Jack was injured in a penalty area tussle for possession. On bobbed a whole bevy of ambulance men - why, oh, why don't they leave it to the trainers! - and play was held up for a couple of minutes.

The game resumed with Jack limping on his left foot, which was strapped up. Still, he went forward quickly as Zeising cut through, the inside-right making a weak, negative pass which Lawrie took up as he liked.

Klonner made a poor pass and Drummond tore up to crack a left-footer into Southerns' half. Back came the Transvaalers, only for Jack to cut out Marais's return pass to Butler.

Hereabouts, Zeising was a lot too slow in his approach work, the defence having all the time in the world to cover the gaps.
Later, Sanders cut inside and caught a left foot shot on the turn - but it was outside. Next, Montgomery picked up a loose ball and shot low across the face of the goal with his inside forwards coming up fast.
After 35 minutes we had the best move of the match. The passes went this way. Frew-to-Klonner-to-Jacques-to-Zeising-and then Marais. A great bit of work. But Marais was five yards off-side, and that was that.
Right on half-time a Parsons-Robertson passing switch ended in the outside-right kicking "dead" as Mechanik challenged him next the goal-line.
With the second half only a minute old, Southern Transvaal scored. It went this way. Klonner fastened on a ball in the middle, drew Drummond, and popped a short pass to Butler. In turn, the inside forward switched outside to Rod Montgomery, who cut towards the goal-line.
With his inside partners well up in a line, Montgomery slashed a left-foot hook into the net well out of Conquest's reach.
From the restart, Sanders made progress on the Australians' right wing and centred to the far post. Mechanik made a partial clearance and Parsons tore in to swing a wild left foot as Klonner went to the tackle.
Soon after Robertson lofted a centre which Els held easily, only to be knocked flat by the tear-away Nunn as he threw to Boonzaaier.
The Montgomery-Zeising wing were finding gaps. Young, the Australian left half, did come through once with the ball, only for his final pass - and it was a bit aimless - to be blocked.
Frew took a big risk in slipping a pass back to Els as Sanders challenged, and Nunn again rushed to charge the 'keeper. This time Els was set. He bounced the centre-forward hard.
Jack brought the ball through for Nunn to have lots of time to shoot. From about 20 yards range, the Australian centre-forward hooked a right-footer a long, long way wide of the far post.
Els got "protection" from referee Dove as he threw himself to the ball as Nunn tried to reach it in the six-yard area. Though the Australian attackers appeared to me to charge him quite fairly, Southerns were awarded a free-kick.
Bob Young brought Australians into the attack with a dangerous run on the left. His final pass went to Robertson, whose low cross went whizzing across the face of the goal to pass outside.
Big Frank Parsons collected a bouncing ball on the left and from close range smacked a left-footer which Els did splendidly to beat outside as he threw himself full stretch in the air.
In a Southern Transvaal burst, Conquest went down to the feet of Marais, with Butler close by. And then, as play swept to the other end, Robertson badly mis-hit a drive on the edge of the penalty area.
With eight minutes to go, Nunn slipped a pass out to little Sanders. The winger ran well on to Els, who threw himself right at the Australian's feet. He blocked the shot with his dive as Sanders fell over him, the ball squeezing between the falling players' bodies and passing out of danger.
Both men were injured. Sanders resumed, but Els had to be assisted off the field.
Ferreira went into goal for Southern Transvaal, who set up an attack which ended as Marais kicked too hard for Montgomery to reach the pass.
In a few seconds, Ferreira made a fine save from Sanders's high ball. But with five minutes to go there came tragedy for him - and Transvaal.
Drummond, a magnificent first-time kicker, cannoned a terrific long ball into the penalty area. Ferreira came out with lots of time to clear, but failed to gather. The ball hit his stomach, bounced away to Frank Parsons, and the inside-left stuck out his left foot.
Though the ball struck the falling Ferreira, it went low into the far corner of the net. Parsons was down on his face, but his team-mates picked him up, slapped his back, hugged him, and then dusted him off.
Right after, Els returned to goal, and the Transvaal brigade tore into the attack.
Butler went striding through. He transferred to Marais, who tried to tip back to Zeising. Yet there was Jack to put in the safety-first boot with a clearance.
Near the end, Ferreira was given a chance. He hesitated a fraction and kicked yards over the bar with O'Neill challenging.
And with Conquest next coming out to take the ball in the air and throw it to Jack for a slap upfield, the end came.
Southern Transvaal: P.Els; B.Mechanik, G.Frew; H.Klonner, L.Boonzaaier, C.Jacques; R.Montgomery, K.Ziesing, V.Marais, A.Butler, M.Ferreira.
Australia: N.Conquest; K.O'Neill, C.Drummond; R.Lawrie, T.Jack, R.Young; G.Sanders, A.Johns, G.Nunn, A.F.Parsons, H.Robertson.

A further report from the Sunday Times described crowd problems.
Fighting broke out in the non-European enclosure at Ellis Park, Johannesburg, yesterday during the soccer match between Australia and Southern Transvaal.
The enclosure, directly behind the goalposts at one end of the field, was packed with about 2,000 Natives, Coloureds and Indians.
Shortly after Australia had scored the equalising goal near the end of the match, bottles were thrown and a strong squad of police had to use their truncheons to stop the fighting.
One Native was injured and was taken to hospital.
The police state that a Coloured man, seen throwing a bottle, was arrested, reports Sapa.
The trouble began between a section of the crowd supporting the Australians and a section supporting Southern Transvaal. Objection was also taken to spectators in the front standing up.
Early in the game the police checked a minor skirmish. This was followed by several other minor disturbances.
After the Australians equalised, and when the teams were lined up for the centre kick, police rushed across the field to join the squad at the non-European enclosure.
The crowd had broken into two sections which were hurling bottles and shouting abuse at each other.
The fighting quickly stopped.
Another fight, in the European section of the crowd, broke out at half-time. It, too, was quickly stopped by the police.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
31st. May 1950, 15.30	Caledonian Ground, Pretoria, South Africa	sunny		13000

Northern Transvaal (South Africa)..5 v. Australia..3

half time, Northern Transvaal..3 v. Australia..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Aubrey Tyrrell (Berea Park)						GK	Norman Conquest				
	RB	Roelof Oelofse (Berea Park)	X(og)					RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	P.Whyte (Berea Park)						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	C.Swemmer (Berea Park)						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	Harry Naish (c) (Berea Park)						CH	Tom Jack				
	LH	W.Bunton (Arcadia)						LH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	OR	Ken Shea (Berea Park)						OR	George Sanders				
	IR	Danie Venter (Iscor)	27					IR	Allan James Johns				
	CF	John Henry Claassens (Garrison)	X					CF	Gordon Nunn	11(pk), X			
	IL	Tony Holtz (Berea Park)	6, 24, X					IL	Frank Parsons				
	OL	M.Taylor (Garrison)						OL	Harry Robertson				
Team Coach							Team Coach		Tom Jack				
Team Manager		J.J.Gardiner					Team Managers		Dave T.Johnstone				
Referee									H.J.Barwick				
Linesman													
Linesman													

Aubrey Tyrrell is also shown as Tyrell.

match report from the Cape Argus, 31/5/1950
Despite a spirited finish by the Australian eleven, when they scored two quick goals, the Northern Transvaal held the whip hand for the majority of the game.
About 15,000 spectators packed into the Caledonian ground, Pretoria, to see the Northern Transvaal play the unbeaten Australian soccer team in the third match of their tour.
The home team went ahead when Holtz, collecting a long pass by Bunton, ran right through the defence to score.
Bunton handled the ball in the penalty area and Nunn made no mistake to obtain the equalizer for the Australians.
It was a fast game on a hard ground and the high bounce of the ball was puzzling the visitors.
In an exciting race for the ball Claassens collided with Conquest and O'Neill, and as they lay in a heap on the field the ball rolled loose for Holtz to tap into an open goal. Within minutes Northern Transvaal made it 3-1 when Venter's snap shot from 20 yards struck a post and into the net.
Half-time:- Northern Transvaal..3 Australians..1
Northern came back into the attack and Holtz headed down for the ball to slip through a crowded defence to give him a hat-trick.
Claassens then scored a grand goal to give Northern Transvaal a 5-1 lead.
The Australians, however, were not beaten yet and forced the pace for Oelofse to head into his own goal. Then Nunn, after a fine run scored a third goal.
The Australians were all out in a spirited finish and had bad luck to see what looked like a good goal disallowed.

match report by Eric Litchfield of the Rand Daily Mail, 1/6/1950
The Australian unbeaten record has gone - and it's no use crying about it. Their defence was cut to ribbons by a virile Northern Transvaal forward line at the Caledonian ground yesterday and at one stage the home team led 5-1 with a hat-trick for Tony Holtz.
Yet the surprising thing was that the Australians came right into the game at the end, scored two goals, had another one disallowed for offside - a close decision - and came near to saving the game. It was a brave rearguard action.
For seventy minutes the Australians were made to look like a team of fourth raters - if that. They were almost overrun, and all because they failed to master the tricks of the lively ball on a bone hard ground, which, their manager had said, would be to their liking. Now, I imagine, there is a revision of ideas.
What went wrong with the tourists? They lacked fire, and they were upset by the ground. But there were other reasons.

The more accurate work of the home team; a workmanlike halfback line in which Harry Naish showed Springbok form; the ability of every Northern Transvaal player to make the ball do the work; a fast forward line with an opportunist leader in Jonny Claassens - it was all too much for Australia.

Yet there was one outstanding difference between the teams. It was at inside forward, Northerns' Holtz and Venter worked hard throughout the game doing the job of fetching and carrying but their Australian counterparts Parsons, and to a lesser extent Johns, seemed to join in the Union Day public holiday.

Parsons, in fact, was little more than a passenger throughout the game, although he was responsible for a cracking left foot drive near the end which struck the underneathside of the bar with Tyrrell beaten to the world.

But I fear that the Parsons' bubble has burst as far as his ability as an inside forward is concerned. And he can hardly hope to oust Bunny Nunn from his position of centre-forward. Still those are the worries of the Australian officials.

The work of these inside forwards was shown in the success or failure of the wingers. Whereas Shea and Taylor, who were both given plenty of room to work in, were often conspicuous. Sanders and Robertsons, the Australian pair, seldom came into the game.

When tall, ambling Tony Holtz failed to beat Conquest from four yards range in the very first minute of the game, few could have imagined the Berea Park inside left was about to turn ina display which may gain him a Springbok cap.

That is exactly what did happen. And he capped it all with a hat trick.

So far it's all Northern Transvaal, and yet it must be recorded that four of their five goals were the in-off variety.

This is how they came: 6 minutes; Holtz was allowed to run through unchallenged. His shot hit the upright before rebounding into the net. . . .

24 minutes; Conquest and O'Neill collided and Holtz's scoring shot was helped into the net by Drummond. . .

27 minutes; Venter hit a cracking first-timer from Taylor's corner which hit the post and ricocheted off Conquest's back into the net.

Would Venter's shot have scored but for hitting Conquest? I doubt it. Here is what the 'keeper says: "I was standing at least four feet in front of the line when the ball came off the post, hit me and rebounded into the net." So it looks as though it was a lucky break for Northerns.

Then midway through the second half Holtz's short range header - he doesn't really hit the ball with his head - hit Tom Jack's foot before going over the line.

There might have been an "if" about all these goals, but there wasn't any doubt about the fifth which came from the foot of Johnny Claassens. The centre-forward hit a first-timer on the turn from just inside the penalty area which simply scorched past Conquest.

During this hectic period of Northern Transvaal pressure, Conquest brought off three brilliant saves. Two came from snorting drives from the foot of Claassens and another from Taylor. They were three of the most glorious saves I have seen for years.

Australia's first goal, in the 11th minute, which made the score 1-1, came from a penalty against Bunton when he kicked the ball against his own hand. Nunn's spot kick had Tyrrell diving the wrong way.

And then, after being out of the game for 70 minutes, Australia produced a grand-stand finish. Number Two which, as the announcer correctly told us, was scored by Oelofse, Northern's right-back.

It happened this way: a corner was forced after Parsons' shot had hit the bar, and from Sanders' flag kick Tyrrell punched the ball on to Oelofse's head and into the net - and this wasn't the only time Tyrrell showed weakness in the air.

Straight from the kick-off Bunny Nunn took a pass in his stride, rounded Harry Naish and turned inside Whyte before leaving Tyrrell helpless with a fast drive - it was the best goal of the match.

But I made a note that Harry Naish was giving Nunn too much room to work in about this time. It was the only fault in Naish's display.

back came the Australians and Nunn appeared to half-turn past Naish before beating Tyrrell, but referee Turner, who was on the spot, thought him off-side - and that was that.

So the game ended on a high note with the Australians earning bouquets for their fighting finish.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
3rd. June 1950,	Kingsmead, Durban, South Africa			18000

Natal (South Africa)..2 v. Australia..1

half time, Natal..1 v. Australia..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Ken Nadauld (Railway)						GK	Norman Conquest				
	RB	Stan Reece						RB	Cyril Nicholls				
	LB	Vernon Hall (c) (Berea Park)						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	B.Upton (Shamrocks)						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)	50			
	CH	Ken Chamberlain (Parkhill)						CH	Tom Jack				
	LH	E.Dickson (Glenwood)						LH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	OR	L.Grunsell (Parkhill)						OR	George Sanders				
	IR	B.Gibson (Berea Park)						IR	Allan James Johns				
	CF	Ian Palmer (Berea Park)	14					CF	Gordon Nunn				
	IL	Gordon Stewart (Parkhill)	72					IL	Eric Hulme				
	OL	Jackie Carr (Railway)						OL	Harry Robertson				

Team Coach		Team Coach	Tom Jack
Team Manager		Team Managers	Dave T.Johnstone
Referee			H.J.Barwick
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from the Cape Argus, 3/6/1950
Eighteen thousand spectators went home from Kingsmead in high glee this afternoon for Natal beat the Australian soccer tourists 2-1 in a game packed with thrills to inflict the second successive defeat on the tourists. (They lost 5-3 to Northern transvaal on Wednesday.)
Natal lead 1-0 at half-time.
Midway through the second half it was odds on the Australians winning, for the score was 1-1 and they had taken complete charge of the game. Without warning the whole scene changed inside the last ten minutes, and after Stewart had given Natal the lead the home side was right on top.
The Australians gave a particularly pleasing display and played hard and virile soccer. Their first-half tackling disconcerted the Natal team. An enjoyable match ended on a high note with both goals having narrow escapes in the last half-minute of play.
There were thrills from the start to finish in a fast and exciting match in which the tourists showed a vast improvement over their display against Northern Transvaal. After Lawrie had flashed in a great 35-yarder for the equalizing goal, the Australians took possession of the game and seemed certain to go ahead, but luck was against them.
Just when it seemed they must take the lead Nunn was injured and taken off. Almost immediately Natal swept down on the Australian goal for Stewart to put them in the lead. The goal acted as a wonderful tonic to the seemingly jaded Natal team and from then to the end they were in command of the situation almost scoring twice more before the end.

match report from the Sunday Times (Johannesburg), 4/6/1950
Was a second-half foot injury to centre-forward Bunny Nunn responsible for the Australians losing this match against Natal at Kingsmead to-day? The scoreboard showed 1-1 when the leader went off with a damaged foot and at a time when the tourists were threatening to gain control.
Almost immediately Natal went on to the attack, and Gordon Stewart, their inside left, headed in Grunsell's centre for the winning goal, and Nunn returned to the field with his foot bandaged.
Previously Ian Palmer had given Natal a 1-0 lead at the interval and as the Australians appeared to be gaining the upper hand during the second-half Bob Lawrie drove home the equaliser from 30 yards range.
Throughout Nunn had been the man most likely to break down the Natal resistance, but fortunately for the home team Ken Chamberlain was in good form while Nadauld, in goal, brought off several spectacular saves to extract them from awkward situations.
There was no doubt that on the run of play a draw would have been a better result - and the crowd of 13,000 will probably be in agreement.
Lawrie, the Australian captain, won the toss and Natal kicked off into the sun. For the first five minutes the Australians were pinned in their own half, the opposing forwards swinging the ball well and keeping the defenders on their toes.
After a corner for the Australians, play switched quickly to the other end. Tom Jack passed back to Conquest, who sent the ball well up field.

Sanders then passed out to Johns who had moved to the right wing, but Nadauld came out and cleared the Australian centre. After Drummond had made a spectacular clearance, Robertson raced down the left wing, but Upton kicked out.
Dickson, the Natal left-half, beat "Bunny" Nunn for the ball and sent his forwards away, but Lawrie came to the rescue. Next, a high cross from Carr, the Natal outside-left, was headed past by Grunsell.
Natal attacked again and Palmer, their centre-forward, picked up a through pass. With Conquest coming out to meet him, he sent the ball high over the cross-bar.
In the 14th minute, Natal opened their score. Palmer picked up a ball from a throw-in by Carr, cut in to beat Jack, and flashed a hard shot from close quarters out of Conquest's reach.
Clever play by Johns put the Australians on the attack, but Dickson intercepted his pass and got the Natal forwards moving. Carr crossed a hard ball from the left for Drummond to clear.
Robertson then sprinted down the Australian left wing but Reece cleared, says Sapa's special correspondent with the touring team.
Natal were playing cleverly and soon attacked again. Hulme sent the ball to Robertson on the left wing, who cut in and crashed a shot over the bar from 10 yards' range.
The Australians were beginning to find their feet and made some clever passing movements. Keeping up the pressure, Hulme and Nunn took the ball down-field and the centre-forward slipped a pass for Hulme, the inside-left, to crash a terrific shot, which Nadauld did well to tip over the bar.
Upton, Natal's right-half, was injured and went off the field for a few minutes.
A free kick against the Australian centre-forward, Nunn, brought relief to Natal. When the home side pressed, good work on the left wing by Carr ended when Drummond cleared.
The Australians came back and Nadauld had to punch out the ball being returned by Sanders. Again the winger shot, but the ball was deflected past the post.
Away went Natal. Carr centred, but Conquest dived and took the ball off Palmer's toes.
The Australian goal had another narrow escape when Gibson lobbed into the goal area and Conquest came out and tried to smother the ball. He was beaten by the bounce, but when Carr had an open goal, Nicholls rushed across before the Natal winger could get in his shot and booted behind for a corner.
Just before half-time, Young gave to Hulme, who cleverly slipped through to Johns. Nunn received but his shot was blocked by Hall.
Young began an attack shortly after the interval. He gave to Hulme who sent Robertson away, only for Nadauld to intercept the winger's pass.
A well-placed corner by Sanders saw Nadauld save. Before he could clear, Robertson rushed in to smack a shot against the side of the net.
Soon after, Nunn all but got through again - and Nadauld cleared from a corner. Still Australia pressed and Johns tried a snap-shot which just grazed the upright.
Continuing to press, the Australians scored the equalising goal in the 10th minute of the second half. Bob Lawrie, their captain, crashed in a 30-yard shot which left Nadauld helpless to save.
After two Natal raids, Australia attacked and Nadauld made several smart saves. Nunn and Co. were now showing splendid understanding and were passing the ball beautifully.
Lawrie initiated another raid and only good work by Natal's full-backs and the 'keeper prevented a goal.
A mis-kick by Drummond let the Natal forwards through, but Nicholls cut across and cleared from a corner. Right after, Natal forced another corner when Conquest was hustled over the line with the ball in his hands.
The game was played at a fast pace. Reece, under pressure, kicked back to Nadauld, and Nunn dashed in to get the ball first. Before he could shoot, Nadauld threw himself at the ball and Reece cleared.
In the next minute, Nunn was injured and had to be carried off the field. A bad blow, this, for the Australians. In the 32nd minute, Stewart got his head to a high pass from Grunsell and nodded the ball into the net for the winner.
Natal pressed strongly and a hard pass from Gibson was missed by Carr, who tried to breast the ball through. Soon after, Carr beat Nicholls. With Conquest out of his goal he tried to tap the ball into goal, but it went wide.
Natal attacked and Conquest made several spectacular saves, while Drummond was always in the thick of things.
After Sanders had shot over the bar, Natal came back again and were still pressing at the end.
Australia: N.Conquest; C.Nicholls, C.Drummond; R.Lawrie (capt.), T.Jack, R.Young; G.Sanders, A.Johns, G.Nunn, E.Hulme, H.Robertson.
Natal: K.Nadauld; S.Reece, V.Hall (capt.); B.Upton, K.Chamberlain, E.Dickson; L.Grunsell, B.Gibson, I.Palmer, G.Stewart and J.Carr.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
7th. June 1950,	Springbok Park, Bloemfontein, South Africa			

Orange Free State (South Africa)..1 v. Australia..2

half time, Orange Free State..1 v. Australia..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	S.R.Nicholas						GK	Bill Mahoney				
	RB	Derek Thake (Wanderers)						RB	Cyril Nicholls				
	LB	Joe Manthey						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	Eaton (Goldfields)						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	J.J.Fouche						CH	Tom Jack				
	LH	N.McCarthy						LH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	OR	Hermanus "Tollie" Pretorius	32(pk)					OR	George Sanders				
	IR	D.Swart						IR	Allan James Johns	10			
	CF	L.Calder						CF	Frank Parsons	66			
	IL	A.J.Rabie (c)						IL	Eric Hulme				
	OL	S. van Rensburg						OL	Harry Robertson				
Team Coach							Team Coach		Tom Jack				
Team Manager							Team Managers		Dave T.Johnstone				
Referee									H.J.Barwick				
Linesman													
Linesman													

Orange Free State is also shown as Orange Free State & Basutoland.

match report from the Bulawayo Chronicle, 8/6/1950

Although the Australian soccer tourists defeated Free State by two goals to one here today and fully deserved their victory, they gave a rather disappointing display except during the last 20 minutes. The Free State team did not look like winning at any stage of the game, but they gave the Australian defence some anxious moments.

That the Australians won by only one goal was due firstly to the bad shooting of their forwards who had many opportunities to score and secondly to the splendid goal keeping of Nicholas, the 23-year-old former South African Universities player, who was making his first appearance in representative football.

Frank Parsons in the centre, apart from scoring the winning goal, did not show the dash that was expected from him. At times he was slow in getting the ball under control. Fouche, the Free State centre-half, never allowed him much latitude. Hulme also failed when well-placed and Sanders on the right wing was not as prominent as usual.

During the closing stages of the game the Australians gave a good exhibition of teamwork. Allan Johns at inside-right, led the attack and produced his best form on the tour to date. He sent in many snap shots besides carving numerous openings for his colleagues, and opened the score with a great shot early in the first half.

Pretorious, the Springbok player, scored Free State's goal from a penalty.

match report from the Rand Daily Mail, 8/6/1950

For the last 20 minutes of to-day's game at Springbok Park - the first soccer match ever played on the new Rugby stadium - the Australians threatened to score a packet of goals. Fortunately for Free State there were two things which stood between them and a heavier defeat.

Firstly there was an outstanding performance by young Nicholas, the former South African Universities player, making his first appearance in the Free State team. Then there was some shocking shooting by the Australian forwards.

Anyway it's goals that count. Australia got two - scored by Allan Johns and Frank Parsons - and Free State's only reply came from a penalty award eight minutes before half time when Pretorious was pulled down by Lawrie and the right winger easily beat Mahoney from the spot. This is the third penalty against the tourists in five games.

Best moments for Free State were during the first half when Tollie Pretorious started several dangerous attacks and Mahoney was kept busy. And what is more the diminutive 'keeper did his job well.

True to tradition Free State gave one of their best displays for several seasons against the tourists. In fact at times, especially during the opening half, their forwards played attractive and forceful football.

But once the Australian wing-halves Lawrie and Young - always slow starters - got into their stride, the home defence was given a trying time.

Allan Johns, the 24-year-old New South Welshman, was the brains behind the Australians' attack. The Free State had no counter to his clever footwork and ability to exploit the gaps. He laid the foundation for what should have been many goals for his side, but they just wouldn't come.

It was Johns who opened the score early in the game. He worked himself into shooting range and beat Nicholas with a hard cross drive. And there were several other occasions when Johns tested the young Free State 'keeper.

Fortunately for the home side the remainder of the Australian forwards were not on their best shooting form, although several times Free State were saved by the woodwork.

Even so Nicholas was given plenty of opportunities to show his ability. There was a glorious save at full-length from a Johns' "special;" his clever timing when Parsons broke clear down the middle and the 'keeper blocked the centre-forwards' shot; his good anticipation as he collected Parsons' header - it all helped keep the score down.

He had no chance with the Australians' winning goal which was engineered by Johns. The inside right got the Free State defence in a tangle before parting to Parsons who netted from close range.

A big man in the Free State defence was centre-half Fouche, who kept a reasonably tight hold on Parsons throughout.

There was one anxious moment for the tourists during the second half when Rabie's shot had Mahoney well beaten, but Cys Drummond was positioned on the goalline to head clear. And that was just about the nearest Free State came to scoring during the second-half.

Teams:-

Australia: Mahoney; Nicholls, Drummond; Lawrie, Jack, Young; Sanders, Johns, Parsons, Hulme, Robertson.

Free State: Nicholas, Thake, Manthey; Eaton, Fouche, McCarthy; Pretorious, Swart, Calder, Rabie, Van Rensburg.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
10th. June 1950,	Willowmoore Park, Benoni, South Africa			15000

Eastern Transvaal (South Africa)..2 v. Australia..2

half time, Eastern Transvaal..1 v. Australia..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Jimmy Pickerill (Benoni Callies)						GK	Bill Mahoney				
	RB	George Cloete (Benoni)						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	Jimmy Preston (c) (Delfos)						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	George Penn (Delfos)						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	Paddy Driver (Benoni Callies)						CH	Tom Jack	77(pk)			
	LH	Viv Ferreira (Benoni)						LH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	OR	Ray Botha (Delfos)	10(pk)					OR	George Sanders				
	IR	Harold Paton (Benoni)	45					IR	Allan James Johns				
	CF	Joe Blewitt						CF	Frank Parsons				
	IL	Neil Turner (Delfos)						IL	Eric Hulme				
	OL	Neville Welman (Delfos)						OL	Harry Robertson	46			
Team Coach		G.M.Viljoen					Team Coach		Tom Jack				
Team Manager		L.Cole-Willey					Team Managers		Dave T.Johnstone				
Referee		Fowler							H.J.Barwick				
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from the Sunday Times (Johannesburg), 11/6/1950

Tom Jack, Australia's 23-year-old Glasgow-born six-footer, saved this game for his side three minutes from time at Willowmoore Park when he netted from the penalty spot. And the tourists, who were two goals down five minutes after half-time, had successfully staged another of their notorious rearguard actions.

The penalty came when Lawrie, working his way five yards inside the area during desperate Australian attacks to save the game, was so obviously held that referee Fowler, positioned five yards away, had no hesitation about pointing to the penalty spot.

There was a professional touch about the way Jack accepted the chance. The centre-half shaped as though to pull his shot; Pickerill had the same idea, and when he fired into the opposite corner the 'keeper was sprawling in the wrong direction.

And this was not the only good thing Jack did during a hard-fought game. He dominated the middle throughout and still found time to cover his full-backs.

It's just as well he did, particularly during the first half, because the Eastern Transvaal wingers, Botha and Welman, might easily have had field days, so frequently were they set on the run.

The game went very much according to plan. Easterns gave the tourists a soccer lesson during a series of beautifully worked moves between the forwards and wing halves in the first half and led 1-0 at the interval.

But there was a noticeable slowing up by the home side as half-time approached, and when the Australians ran out - in contrast to Eastern Transvaal's leisurely walk - after the break - it was obvious they meant to turn on the pressure.

Still it was Easterns who went further ahead before the Australian rearguard action could get mobile. And then we saw the tourists in charge.

This is how the scoring went:

9 mins., Paton's shot beat Mahoney, but the whistle had previously gone for a penalty award - Botha fired home from the spot;

45 mins., a Botha cross was headed home by Paton;

46 mins., Pickerill gently palmed Robertson's free-kick into his own net

77 mins., Jack's penalty equalised.

Why Eastern Transvaal were only a penalty goal ahead at the interval only Joe Blewitt, substituting for Syd Westcott, can tell us. The centre-forward missed at least three gilt-edged chances during the opening half.

There was one incredible miss. From three yards' range and with Mahoney out of goal, Blewitt somehow managed to scoop the ball off the ground on to the crossbar. It seemed almost impossible - and 15,000 throats roared their disappointment.

From the first whistle Botha and Paton played like a Springbok combination. They could hardly be left out of the first Test team on yesterday's showing. Perhaps it's just as well for Australia that Drummond can play almost as well with one leg as he can when both are sound.

From the seventh minute, when he collided with Botha, Drummond was limping, which confirmed that the left-back went on Willowmoore Park with a knee that was nowhere near 100 per cent. sound.
They were backed by Penn's strong attacking play during this opening half, but when the wing half faded during the second half Eastern Transvaal attacks became progressively weaker.
The strange thing was that even with overwhelming territorial advantage during the first-half, Mahoney seldom had direct shots to deal with.
Contrast this with the second half, when Pickerill was continually in action from the sixth minute.
This was one minute after Botha's accurate centre had enabled Paton to nod past Mahoney with the Australian defence standing on their heels.
Straight from the kick-off Australia rushed to the attack. They were awarded a free kick out on the left wing and when Robertson's cross ran straight to Pickerill the 'keeper merely pushed the ball into the top of the net instead of over the bar as Parsons and Hulme climbed up to complete the score.
I thought that Pickerill's mistake was in not puching to safety and relying on his own weight to ward off, the Parsons-Hulme challenge.
This was the start of an all-out Australian assault. Wing-halves Lawrie and Young, playing his best game of the tour to date,repeatedly set their line in motion and there was one hectic minute as Pickerill twice saved at point-blank range from Parsons and Preston completed the clearance.
Fortunately for Easterns both Parsons and Sanders had thoroughly bad games. Parsons, who arrived here as Number One Glamour Boy fell off his pedestal when he argued with referee Fowler during the first half and it needed words from his skipper to put the house in order.
Apart from this he was a complete mis-fit - slow and uninteresting - and completed a tale of woe by missing the short-range pass from Robertson when he could have blown the ball into an open goal. The Australians must have sighed for a Bunny Nunn.
Johns and Hulme, who repeatedly switched positions to upset the home defence in which Preston, Driver and Cloete turned in sterling performances, tried their hardest to force an equaliser.
Johns had one scorcher turned away by Pickerill, while Robertson skimmed the bar with a terrific first-timer. The left-winger was dangerous throughout the game, and it was fortunate that Ferreira got in the way when he unleashed another drive.
It was a thrill-a-minute at this stage which made up for the lack of finesse. The Australians did produce several pretty midfield movements, but generally it was the same old rugged style of play.
And the only time the hundreds of schoolboys learned anything about ball control and the art of using the open space was when Botha and Paton were on the move.
But you cannot fault the tourists for their never-say-die spirit. They are never beaten - and that is why I suggest if the equalising goal had come ten minutes earlier they would probably have chalked up another victory.
Referees have come in for a deal of criticism recently for their handling of Australian games. I doff the hat to Mr.Fowler for a grand afternoon's work. He showed admirable discretion in dealing with shoulder charging and the advantage rule. What is more he was perfectly correct with both penalty awards.
Teams:-
Eastern Transvaal: Pickerill; Cloete, Preston (capt.); Penn, Driver, Ferreira; Botha, Paton, Blewitt, Turner, Welman.
Australia: Mahoney; O'Neill, Drummond; Lawrie (capt.), Jack, Young; Sanders, Johns, Parsons, Hulme, Robertson.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
14th. June 1950,	Old Harrarians Ground, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia	Cool, overcast		5000

Southern Rhodesia..0 v. Australia..5

half time, Southern Rhodesia..0 v. Australia..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	R.O.Blair (Salisbury Police)						GK	Norman Conquest				
	RB	P.Fitzgerald (Bulawayo Rovers)						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	D.S.Johnston (Salisbury Police)						LB	Robert "Bob" Young				
	RH	G.H.Prescott (Bulawayo Rovers)						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	Don Wood (Sailsbury Alexandra)						CH	Tom Jack				
	LH	Roy A.Coop (Salisbury Police)						LH	Jack Smith				
	OR	R.Davies (Bulawayo Rovers)						OR	George Sanders				
	IR	Dennis Ball (c) (Salisbury Raylton)						IR	Allan James Johns	6, X			
	CF	P.Lewis (Salisbury Raylton)						CF	Frank Parsons	46			
	IL	W.R.Buchanan (Salisbury Police)						IL	Eric Hulme	34, 77			
	OL	Cecil Law (Salisbury Alexandra)						OL	Harry Robertson				
Team Coach							Team Coach		Tom Jack				
Team Manager							Team Managers		Dave T.Johnstone				
Referee									H.J.Barwick				
Linesman													
Linesman													

Club teams from Salisbury are also shown as Mashonaland (eg. Mashonaland Police for Salisbury Police); similarly teams from Bulawayo are also shown as Matabeland.

match report from the Rhodesia Herald, 15/6/1950

Playing fast and constructive football, and demonstrating that possession of the ball is nine-tenths of the law, the Australian Soccer tourists scored a convincing victory over Rhodesia at the Old Hararians ground yesterday by five goals to nil before a record crowd for Rhodesian football, estimated at 5,000.

The visitors were superior in all departments of the game and wore down the home team with cohesive play. The understanding between their halves and forwards was superb and there was little sign of the weakness in front of the goal which has been a characteristic of their previous games on the tour.

Rhodesia was unlucky to catch the Australians with their shooting boots on. Allan Jones at inside-right was the architect of victory for the visitors. He scored two grand goals himself and showing fine understanding with Hulme, the inside-left paved the way to breaking down a Rhodesia defence which at first was dour but later became ragged as the Australians more and more dominated the game with snappy passing movements.

In the earlier stages of the first half Rhodesia enjoyed a taste of glory and Cecil Law brought the crowd to their feet with dangerous incursions near the Australian goalmouth. But it was the Australians' day and as the game grew older the tourists got very definitely on top, holding on to the ball 90 per cent. of the time. They were faster on the ball, passed more accurately and their headwork was incomparably better.

When the Rhodesians gained possession they were soon robbed by quick and determined tackling or through their own poor and hasty passing.

Robertson came to light with beautiful crosses from the left wing. The backs O'Neill and Young were safe and shone with hefty clearances. The work of the halves was outstanding. Lawrie in particular was a glutton for work and, Smith and Jack kept the forwards well fed with accurate, cool passes. Conquest in goal gave nothing away.

Best of the Rhodesian players was Prescott on defence and Law on attack. The Bulawayo right half was seldom beaten to the ball and cleared with long well placed passes. Wood at centre-half was safe but Coop at left-half gave Johns far too much latitude and his passing was not always accurate. Davies and Lewis were too well marked to show any signs of their true form. The inside forwards Ball and Buchanan had an off-day and were seldom able to engineer anything dangerous.

This was the seventh game of the Australian tour and the third won by the tourists. They have lost and drawn twice each.

Rhodesia kicked off and after three minutes play Australia swept to the attack. A neat passing movement ended with Hulme skimming the bar with a glorious shot from 30 yards out. It was a sign of things to come. The ball travelled to the visitors territory bit the Australian backs got possession and returned it downfield.

Parsons back-heeled cleverly to Sanders who crossed the ball to Johns who scored with a low shot, a good left-footed drive. Australia were one up in the sixth minute of the game. They almost scored again soon afterwards when Parsons hit the crossbar.

Then Rhodesia looked dangerous. Davies dribbled through to clash the ball into the side of the net. Australia returned to the attack. The Rhodesian defenders were failing to clear the ball and repeatedly passed to the Australian forwards. Cecil Law, the Rhodesian left-winger, brought the crowd to their feet when he raced past O'Neill and shot past the outcoming goalkeeper but the ball went wide.

The Australians were quicker on the ball and when in possession always looked as though they would do something. They almost scored when Parsons was wide after receiving from Johns. The visitors showed far better understanding between their halves and forwards than the home team whose passes continually went to the wrong player. Jack, at centre-half, was playing a great game for the tourists and shadowed Lewis too closely for the Rhodesian to look dangerous. Sanders got away well on the wing but Parsons fouled in the penalty area and Rhodesia cleared.

Near the end of the first half Australia scored again. A neat passing movement between Robertson, Parsons and Hulme ended with the inside-left scoring a grand goal from 30 yards out. Blair was beaten all ends up. Half-time came with the score 2-0 and Australia deserved leaders.

It would have paid the home team to have transferred the direction of the attack to Law's wing in the first half. Instead they persisted in attacking down the right wing where Young proved more than a match for Davies.

The play in the second half was almost completely dominated by the Australians. In the sixth minute they increased their lead after Jack Smith, playing his first game on the tour, sent through beautifully-placed long pass to Hulme who transferred to Parsons for the centre forward to make no mistake with a long low drive.

Play became desultory at this stage but the tourists were usually in possession of the ball. Johns gave to Parsons in front of the goal but Blair took the ball from the centre's feet. The Police man was tested again with a point blank shot from Hulme but tipped the ball and sent it scraping over the top of the net.

Then came a great shot from Robertson but the Rhodesian goalkeeper proved safe again. Rhodesia enjoyed a moment of glory when Buchanan shot well and true but Conquest saved. Australia took play back and their fourth goal came soon afterwards. There was a snappy interchange of passes between forwards and halves and Johns collected, steadied himself and crashed in his second goal.

Play was sporadic. Australia still enjoyed 90 per cent. of the ball. Three minutes from the end Robertson received on the left wing, sent to Hulme who trapped neatly and then sent in a stinging shot which Blair almost managed to save. He went to his knees to hold it but the ball trickled past him to put the visitors in the lead by five goals to nothing. The whistle went soon afterwards.

Before the game players were piped on the field by the Caledonian Pipe Band and introduced to the Mayor of Salisbury (Clr. R.M.Cleveland).

The teams were:-

Australia: N.Conquest; K.O'Neill, R.Young; R.Lawrie (captain), T.Jack, J.Smith; G.Danders, A.Johns, F.Parsons, E.Hulme, H.Robertson.

Rhodesia: R.Blair; D.Wood, R.Coop; P.Fitzgerald, D.Johnston, G.Prestcott; C.Law, W.Buchanan, P.Lewis, D.Ball (captain), R.Davies.

match report from the Rand Daily Mail, 15/6/1950

The Australians have found their shooting form. It happened at the Old Hararians ground here this afternoon when their forwards swamped the Rhodesian defence, scoring five without a reply. They rained in shots by the dozen and but for capable keeping by Blair in the home goal the tally would have reached double figures.

From the third minute when clever inter-passing between Jack Smith, a big success in his first outing, and Eric Hulme resulted in Hulme skimming the bar from 20 yards range, the Australians were on top.

There was a snap about the work of the wing halves and forwards which suggested an urgent duty to impress. And there was no doubting that this was the tourists' best performance since they landed at Cape Town just over three weeks ago.

In no previous game have the Australians looked so smoothly efficient. The whole team, including Frank Parsons, struck form at the same time.

The Rhodesians struggled hard, and once or twice managed to bring Conquest into action. But generally they were too busy defending to offer any serious danger.

The Rhodesian wing halves were given a harassing time by Johns and Hulme and the home defence seemed thrown out of its stride by the speed the whole Australian forward line maintained.

Architect of this Australian display was undoubtedly Allan Johns, who had his 25th birthday on Monday. He delayed the celebration for two days - and the Rhodesians paid for the "party."

It was the inside right who opened the scoring, accepting a cross from right-winger Sanders to crash home a left foot drive. From that moment Johns bewildered the home defence with his clever footwork and accurate distribution.

He was largely responsible for Sanders turning in his best showing of the tour and accurate wing crosses repeatedly had the Rhodesian defence struggling to prevent further disaster.

And the Hulme-Robertson left wing combination was not far behind the standard set by the opposite flank. Hulme's terriffic shooting was a feature of the game and brought him two goals.

It was Hulme who gave the Australians a two-goal lead six minutes before half-time when his 30-yard drive had Blair well beaten. This completed the first-half scoring.

Another movement started by Jack Smith resulted in Australia going further ahead six minutes after the interval. This time the scorer was Frank Parsons.

There had been occasions during the opening half when Parsons appeared slow to get the ball under control, but this time he snapped it up and beat Blair with a quick low drive.

There was one other occasion when Parsons showed his ability as he swung first-time at a short transfer from Hulme and rocked the Rhodesian crossbar - it was a terrific drive.

It was during the second half that Blair really showed his worth to the home side. In quick succession he snatched the ball off Parsons' foot and was in position to save at point-blank range from Johns. And the record crowd of 6,000 roared appreciation.

The only time Norman Conquest was called on to show his real ability came from Buchanan's strong drive. This was mid-way through the second half, and straight from the clearance the tourists went back to the attack and camped in Rhodesis'a half for the remainder of the game.

Number Four was chalked up by Allan Johns. All the leading-up work came from Bob Lawrie, and when the skipper parted to Johns, the inside-right shot past Blair from just outside the penalty area.

The left wing triangle completed the nap hand three minutes from time when Smith set Robertson on the move, and from the winger's inside pass Hulme shot hard. Blair got his hands to the ball, but was unable to prevent it entering the net.

Biggest disappointment about the Rhodesian side was the work of the inside forwards, Ball and Buchanan. They were played out of the game by Lawrie and Smith, and the Australian wing halves were masters of the midfield.

It was left-winger Law who caused the most danger, but O'Neill and Young were sound at full-back and Conquest had an easy afternoon.

The teams:-

Australia: N.Conquest; K.O'Neill, R.Young; R.Lawrie, T.Jack, J.Smith; G.sanders, A.Johns, F.Parsons, E.Hulme and H.Robertson.

Southern Rhodesia: R.Blair; P.Fitzgerald, B.Johnston; G.Prescott, D.Wood, R.Coop; R.Davies, D.Ball, P.Lewis, W.Buchanan and Law.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
17th. June 1950, 15.45	Queens Ground, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia			6000

Southern Rhodesia..1 v. Australia..4

half time, Southern Rhodesia..0 v. Australia..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Bell (Bulawayo Callies)						GK	Norman Conquest				
	RB	P.Fitzgerald (Bulawayo Rovers)						RB	Cyril Nicholls				
	LB	D.S.Johnston (Salisbury Police)						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	G.H.Prescott (Bulawayo Rovers)						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	Don Wood (Salisbury Alexandra)						CH	Tom Jack				
	LH	W.R.Buchanan (Salisbury Police)						LH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	OR	R.Davies (Bulawayo Rovers)						OR	George Sanders	65, X			
	IR	Dennis Ball (c) (Salisbury Raylton)						IR	Allan James Johns	25			
	CF	Badenhorst (Bulawayo Queens)	67					CF	Frank Parsons				
	IL	Jack Kirkpatrick (Bulawayo Rovers)						IL	Eric Hulme	42			
	OL	Cecil Law (Salisbury Alexandra)						OL	Harry Robertson				
Team Coach							Team Coach		Tom Jack				
Team Manager							Team Managers		Dave T.Johnstone				
Referee									H.J.Barwick				
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from the Rhodesia Herald, 19/6/1950
The Australian Soccer tourists beat Southern Rhodesia by four goals to one in their return match at the Queen's ground here yesterday, before more than 6,000 spectators - a record for Rhodesian Soccer.
The tourists led 1-0 at half-time.
The Rhodesians offered much sterner opposition than they did in Salisbury and did not allow the tourists to dominate the game as they did on Wednesday.
The teams were:-
Australia: Conquest; Nicholls, Drummond; Lawrie (capt.), Jack, Young; Sanders, Johns, Parsons,Hulme and Robertson.
Southern Rhodesia: Bell; Fitzgerald, Johnston; Prescott, Wood, Buchanan; Davies, Ball (capt.), Badenhorst, Kirkpatrick and Law.
The tourists were full value for their victory and with a little luck might have won by an even bigger margin, but at the same time the Rhodesians made them battle all the way. They prevented the Australian halves and forwards indulging in the pretty passing movements which characterised their play at Salisbury.
The local players were quicker on the ball than in the previous match, and their defenders tackled far more resolutely. Still, the Australians were the better equipped team and showed a superior understanding. Their forwards were again in deadly form. All four goals were scored from well out.
Allan Johns again played a splendid game at inside-right and opened the score with a great shot from about 30 yards out in the 25th minute.
Hulme at inside-left also scored a very good goal and worked like a Trojan.
The two best goals came from George Sanders, the right-winger. Both were the result of spotting an opening and crashing in full-blooded drives.
For the first time on the tour Sanders produced his Australian form. Frank Parsons in the centre was not allowed much latitude by Don Wood who was the best of the Rhodesian halves, but the Australian centre-forward was slow. Robertson, on the left-wing, was often dangerous and centred with ??? judgment. Lawrie was the best of the Australian halves and initiated many of the raids on the Rhodesian goal.
At times, especially during the second half, the Australian defence was hard pressed, but Drummond and Nicholls never faltered. Norman Conquest gave another polished display of goal-keeping and brought off several spectacular saves.
Dennis ball, at inside-right, was the brains of Souther Rhodesia's attack and cleverly opened up the game by passing the ball out to his wingmen.
Law played well on the left-wing, and Davies sent over several well-judged centres.
Wood at centre-half played tirelessly and was well supported by Buchanan and Prescott. The full backs, Fitzgerald and Johnston, had a hard task in trying to hold Robertson and Sanders but emeged with credit.
Bell, between the posts, made some smart saves.

match report from The Bulawayo Chronicle, 19/6/1950
The Australians had little difficulty in beating Southern Rhodesia 4-1 at Queens on Saturday and leave the Colony having scored nine goals for one against - they won 5-0 in Salisbury on Wednesday - but apart from

the ability of their inside men Hulme and Johns, and the captain, Lawrie, who never wasted a pass, they did not look like a side capable of extending South Africa in the Tests.
Faster on the ball than the Rhodesians, they played a bustling game which set the Rhodesians on the defensive in the first half. The Rhodesians made only two or three quick thrusts into the Australian area, when Davies and Law had chances, and spent most of the time penned up in front of their own goal.
In spite of this the Australians were able to score only one goal - a hard left-footed drive from Johns, who with Hulme had several other shots which Bell saved.
The Rhodesians gave a better performance in the second half when they had an equal amount of the play. But the Australians were more dangerous in front of goal for the slow-moving defence failed to appreciate the urgency of tackling hard and quickly.
Hulme's goal two minutes after the restart was a good one.
Receiving a pass from Lawrie he caught the ball on a high bounce and whipped it past Bell, who had little chance of saving. It was well deserved, but both goals Sanders scored were long shots that should never have come off. These opportunist shots from 30 yards out was one of the big differences between the teams. Whereas the Australians made the most of every opportunity, the Rhodesians hesitated.
Badenhorst, the tall centre-forward scored Southern Rhodesia's only goal when he received the ball from Davies, on the right-wing.
Comparing the match to the one at Salisbury gives a slightly more favourable impression of Rhodesian soccer than the 5-0 defeat on Wednesday left. Although the Australians did not maintain their form, the Rhodesians certainly showed that they had learned something from their first encounter and they improved steadily during the match.
But there were many glaring weaknesses that could be ironed out by more intensive training. The Rhodesian idea of passing the ball was bad at times. They seldom drew an opponent before sending the ball across, and then, more often than not, if they did draw a player they tried to dribble the ball past him.
Some of the corner kicks were weak and so were the shots at goal. Unlike the Australians, who hammered home at goal if they saw a chance from 30 yards away, the Rhodesians were inclined to dribble the ball as close to the goal as possible. This was fatal against the Australians, who thus had plenty of time to tackle them.
The Rhodesians also allowed the Australians to mark them too closely. When they were on the offensive they never managed to break away to take a pass.
Until the last 15 minutes the Rhodesians relied on a stereo-typed attack that either sent the ball up the middle with a long lob or out to a wing who usually failed to gather the pass. When they did go for the ball with more forceful ideas in the last quarter of an hour they had their share of the game.
More and more practice and more competition against all the teams that can be brought against them will be the only way to sharpen up the shooting, passing, psitional play and anticipation of the Rhodesian players.

match report from the Sunday Times (Johannesburg), 18/6/1950
Did the Australians show the shape of things to come when they beat Southern Rhodesia 4-1 before a 6,000 crowd here to-day - this, one week before the first soccer Test in Durban? Though they did not dominate the game completely, the touring team played sound football, showing improved combination and taking their chances smartly.
Allan Johns again played a splendid game at inside-right. He opened the score with a brilliant shot from about 30 yards out in the 25th minute of the first half, had several "near misses," and was a constant worry to the Rhodesian defenders.
Hulme, at inside-left, also scored a good goal and worked like a terrier.
The two best goals came from George Sanders, the right winger. Both were the result of spotting an opening in a flash and crashing in full-blooded drives, says Sapa's correspondent.
Bell, the Southern Rhodesian 'keeper, was called upon to save when Johns snapped up a through-pass and crashed in a low hard shot - one which Bell saved well.
After a well-placed corner by Sanders. Wood got his foot to another shot from Johns inside the penalty area. Again Sanders lobbed the ball into the middle and Johns shot. But Bell dived and made a fine save.
After Rhodesia had forced a corner the Australians quickly swept down field and Hulme connected with a cross from Parsons, only to put the ball outside when well placed. Then Johns cut the ball out to Sanders, but the winger's shot was cleared by Bell.
The Rhodesians attacked again, and Conquest held a hard drive from Davies. The Australian 'keeper failed to clear, and the ball went to Law, who hit an upright. Finally, Drummond came to the rescue with a big kick.
Back on the attack, the Australians combined splendidly. Still, when Robertson headed into the goalmouth, Bell saved.
Johns, playing a great game, opened the score in the 25th minute with a snap shot from about 30 yards out. The ball went high into the left-hand side of the net at a cracking pace.
Lawrie passed cleverly to Hulme and the inside-left struck the foot of an upright - a near thing. The Australians were still attacking strongly up to half-time.
With the second half two minutes old, Hulme increased the Australian lead when he beat Bell with a high shot from just outside the penalty area after Lawrie had lobbed into the goalmouth.
For a time the Rhodesians attacked and twice Ball hit drives from just outside the penalty area. First Jack, then Nicholls, headed out.
Sanders cut in from the right wing to beat Bell with a great shot in the 25th minute and make it 3-0.
Two minutes later Badenhorst scored for Southern Rhodesia when he picked up a centre from the right wing and beat Conquest at close range.
Play swung from one end of the field to the other. Conquest came out to save a long shot and was penalised for carrying, but the defence held. Soon after, Conquest ran out and beat Davies in a race for possession.
Back came Australia. Sanders shot from about 35 yards out and beat Bell with a terrific drive. A minute later, Hulme struck the upright, and then Johns smacked a shot against the woodwork.
The Australians were attacking strongly when the game ended with the Australians well on top.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
21st. June 1950,	Alexandra Park, Maritzburg, South Africa			6000

Natal (South Africa)..3 v. Australia..2

half time, Natal..0 v. Australia..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Ken Nadauld						GK	Bill Mahoney				
	RB	Dickson						RB	Cyril Nicholls				
	LB	Vernon Hall						LB	Cecil Drummond (c)		70		
	RH	B.Upton						RH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	CH	Ken Chamberlain						CH	Kevin O'Neill				
	LH	Ross Dow (c)						LH	Jack Smith				
	OR	Ian Palmer	75					OR	George Sanders				
	IR	B.Gibson						IR	Eric Hulme				
	CF	Little	61					CF	Frank Parsons	X, 77			
	IL	Harper						IL	Jack Wilson				
	OL	Jackie Carr	60					OL	Harry Robertson				

Team Coach		Team Coach	Tom Jack
Team Manager		Team Managers	Dave T.Johnstone
Referee			H.J.Barwick
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from the Rand Daily Mail, 22/6/1950

The Australian's defeat - this is Natal's second win over the tourists - here to-day is of far less worry to them than the injury to Cys Drummond, their sturdy left-back. He was carried off the field in agony during the second half with a badly torn groin muscle and is almost certain to miss the first Test at Kingsmead, Durban on Saturday.

It is just another chapter in the run of injuries which has hit the Australians ever since centre0forward Bunny Nunn strained a foot ligament in the first match against Natal on June 4.

Here is the sick report: Drummond (torn groin muscle); Nunn (strained foot ligament); Tom Jack (boil on neck); Johns (cold); and Lawrie (influenza).

Jack had his boil lanced in Durban this morning; Nunn's foot was injected to-day and after a try-out at Kingsmead to-morrow morning the position for Saturday's Test will be reviewed; Lawrie and Johns will both be fit to play in the Test.

Drummond's injury came after half-an-hour in the second half and at a stage when Natal were leading 2-1. Immediately afterwards Palmer, who started on the right-wing, but later moved to centre-forward, put the home side further ahead. Parsons, who netted both Australian goals, reduced the lead just before the end.

The Australian "second eleven" did well to hold Natal's Number One side, particularly during the goalless first half, when O'Neill, at centre-half, and the full-backs, Drummond and Nicholls, broke up a series of dangerous Natal raids.

Usually these came from the left-wing, where Jackie Carr, chosen for Saturday's Test, was always a danger.

It was Carr who opened the scoring after 60 minutes. He cracked in a terrific drive which Mahoney failed to hold and the winger netted from the rebound.

One minute later Natal were two up. Little's header running wide of Mahoney when the centre-forward got up to Dow's lob.

Then we saw the Australians fight back. Parsons soon reduced the lead with his best goal of the tour. He took a pass from Hulme and beat Nadauld with a terrific drive.

But the Australians did miss chances. Hulme missed from close range on several occasions, while Parsons, who had several "near misses" shook the bar with a fierce drive during the first half.

If there was one decisive move which helped towards the Natal victory was the Palmer-Little second half switch. In fact, Little, a recognised centre-forward, showed up better when moved to the right-wing. Just before the end he hit an upright with a fierce drive.

match report from the Cape Argus, 22/6/1950

Natal accomplished the double by defeating the Australians 3-2 in Maritzburg yesterday. Once again it was a case of the visitors fighting back and deserving to draw level. In the previous encounter in Durban, Natal won 2-1.

Unfortunately, just what the Australian manager, David Johnston, feared happened to the tourists. Late in the second half, powerful left full-back Cecil Drummond was carried off with a groin injury that might keep him out of Saturday's test match.

The tourists would rather have suffered a 10-0 defeat than had this happen. If Drummond is unable to play, it will mean a complete reshuffling of the Australian defence. Fortunately for them, Nunn is considered almost certain to be fit to lead the attack.

The Australians have only themselves to blame for yesterday's defeat. They had enough chances to have won the game three times over in the first half, but squandered them. Had their forwards been on target, they must have won.

The match was one of four distinct phases. For the first 20 minutes it was all Natal, but they could not score. Then the tourists took over until the interval, but they frittered away at least four gilt-edged scoring chances, and there was no score.

After the change-over, Natal again took charge and this time scored twice - through Carr and Little. This had the effect of revitalizing the Australians, and Parsons reduced the leeway. Drummond went of, and palmer put Natal further ahead at 3-1.

Parsons made it 3-2, and the tourists kept right on to the end of the road, but they just could not make it.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
24th. June 1950,	Kingsmead, Durban, South Africa	Warm		20000

Union of South Africa..3 v. Australia..2

half time, Union of South Africa..1 v. Australia..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Ken Nadauld						GK	Norman Conquest				
	RB	Ben Machanik						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	Gordon Frew						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	Hymie Klonner						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	Harry Naish (c)						CH	Tom Jack				
	LH	Cliff Jacques						LH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	OR	Ray Botha	69					OR	George Sanders				
	IR	Harold Paton						IR	Allan James Johns				
	CF	John "Johnnie" Claassens	15, 82					CF	Gordon Nunn	38			
	IL	Tony Holtz						IL	Eric Hulme	80			
	OL	Jackie Carr						OL	Harry Robertson				
Team Coach		J.Barbour					Team Coach		Tom Jack				
Team Manager		Frank Shackleton					Team Managers		Dave T.Johnstone				
Referee		J.Edgar							H.J.Barwick				
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report by Eric Litchfield of the Sunday Times (Johannesburg), 25/6/1950

The Test Teams:-

Australia: N.Conquest; K.O'Neill, C.Drummond; R.Lawrie (captain), T.Jack, R.Young; G.Sanders, A.Johns, G.Nunn, E.Hulme and H.Robertson.

South Africa: C.Nadauld; B.Machanik, G.Frew; K.Klonner, H.Naish (captain), C.Jacques; R.Botha, H.Paton, J.Claassens, A.Holtz and J.Carr.

South Africa are one up in the soccer Test series - and I am bound to say they were just a trifle lucky to finish on the right side. The Australians twice fought back after being a goal down, and on top of that the Durban crowd saw both Nunn and Hulme miss gilt-edged chances from only six yards' range.

Where did the Springboks fail? It was in the very positions that they were expected to be best served - at wing half. Hymie Klonner seldom came into the game and Cliff Jacques had one of the worst days I have ever seen from this usually capable half-back.

It didn't help matters for the Springbok left wing pair, where Tony Holtz went a long way towards proving that his Pretoria hat-trick against the Australians last month was a bit above his real form.

In view of the poor service, the rest of the Springbok forward line moved surprisingly well. Claassens, apart from scoring two goals and shooting high over when well placed on two other occasions, was always menacing. Fortunately for the Australians, Tom Jack the burly Glasgow-born centre-half kept a reasonably tight hold on the middle.

The Paton-Botha wing combination, although not quite so sparkling as at Willowmoore Park a fortnight ago, frequently threatened danger. It was surprising that the Australians fell back into their penalty area so often when Paton was moving in with the ball.

This business of allowing Paton to continue unmolested, coupled with his own opportunism, brought South Africa the winning goal. It arrived eight minutes from the end - and only two minutes after the Australians had equalised for the second time.

Paton's shot hit the post, and the onrushing Claassens did the rest.

Not by any stretch of the imagination was it a great game. Too much work by both sides went adrift through faulty distribution. But there was one player who stood out for his accurate play - Lawrie, Australian captain and right half.

For a long time there seemed very little pep about the work of either side. When Claassens headed past Conquest from 10 yards' range after 16 minutes, things were expected to become warmer. Yet, in a point of fact, it was only the sticky heat of Durban which caused perspiration to run down our faces.

Did this heat hit the players? It is possible that this was the reason why several of the usual 90-minute men found difficulty in getting into the swing of the game.

Of the 'keepers, Nadauld had by far the busier afternoon. Although poor handling cost South Africa a goal, he was generally sound.

This equalising goal came after 39 minutes in the first half. When Sanders' short inside pass was met on the half turn by Nunn, the centre's slow shot rolled into the net.

Play warmed up from the start of the second half. In ***(twenty-)*** four minutes the Springboks were ahead from Botha's flying header. Would the Australians crack? Or would they begin their "all-in" tactics?

They did neither. They kept their heads, attempted more carpet-weaving movements than in any other game of the tour, and gave a reasonably good display - but it was all at half pace.
Fortunately for them, their two suspects, Drummond and Nunn, came through without further injury. It was Nunn who should have equalised midway through the second half.
Then came the equaliser. Following Robertson's cross, the ball bounced down for Hulme to crack home a first-timer from 30 yards range - it was a great shot. Two minutes later came Claassens' winner.
Stars of the Springbok's defence were Harry Naish and Gordon Frew. Marists' curly-haired left-back fully justified his inclusion with his clever positional play and cool clearances under pressure. He seemed unperturbed by the mistakes of his wing half.
Australia were well served by their full backs. In fact, Kevin O'Neill frequently turned defence into attack. There was one occasion in the second half when he beat three men in a touch-line run and was only stopped when Frew handled.
The gate was only 20,000 - 5,000 below expectations - when the teams came out.
It was Australia first on the attack. Johns made ground and forced a corner. There might have been something dangerous for Australia when Drummond backheeled straight to Botha, but Young nipped in to complete the clearance in the penalty area.
Both sides were guilty of faulty passing, and twice Tom Jack, playing with his neck heavily bandaged, was able to clear misplaced passes by the Springbok inside forwards.
There was one awkward moment for the Springboks when Robertson beat Machanik in the air and Naish fell while trying to clear. But the ball was soon back to the Australian goal. And I must say that both sides were apparently content on cruising at this stage of their 90-minute duel.
Once Johns was allowed to run through in a menacing manner, and finally it was Harry Naish, who had to come out from the area and block the inside right's shot. And again Naish blocked as Young tried a left foot drive.
Fourteen minutes after the start, Paton got his head to Botha's corner and Drummond kicked off the goal-line. One minute later, South Africa were ahead with a beautiful header from Claassens.
It followed a run by Holtz. From Botha's cross, Claassens header ran wide of Conquests' dive.
It was not a hard header and I thought Conquest was slow in sighting it.
So far, Australia's only method of attack had been long kicks up the middle. It didn't pay against Harry Naish.
At the other end, there was noticable falling back when the Springbok inside forwards came through. Once, Paton was allowed to run through 30 yards before shooting wide.
Then Carr had a promising run on the left wing, in which he beat Jack and O'Neill, but he shot wide on the half turn.
So far, there had been little real bite about the Australians work - all amounted to a "savings scheme."
But Australia had a chance to equalise after 24 minutes when Young broke through. Then he shot wide with only Nadauld to beat.
Back came the Springboks for Jack to head Botha's cross almost out of Conquest's hands. From the corner, Claassens shot hard just inside the near post. It looked all over a goal, but Conquest was down there at full stretch for a great save.
Then came the surprise equaliser after 39 minutes. Sanders short passed and there didn't appear to be much in Nunn's shot on the half turn. Still, Nadauld surprisingly allowed the ball to roll out of his hands and over the line - a bad mistake.
So it went to the interval with the scores level.
Referee Edgar whistled up the teams three times for the second half. Finally, Nunn touched off after a 15-minute break.
Australia, with Hulme and Johns switching places, went to the attack, and I must say their short-range passing was a big surprise.
Yet it was Claassens who nearly put South Africa ahead with a ground shot which passed just wide of the post. Then Naish tried a very dangerous pass back which Hulme intercepted, but the ball was blocked.
Carr's quickness gave Paton a chance and Conquest tipped the inside-right's fierce drive over for a corner.
After nine minutes came an incredible let off for South Africa, when Sanders worked the ball over to the left wing. From Robertson's cross Nunn hit the ball wide from the middle of the goalmouth. The Australian centre-forward appeared to be taken by surprise so quickly did the ball come across from the crowd of players.
There was too much tip-tap work about the Springbok forwards. It got them precisely no place against quick-tackling defenders.
That was until the 24th minute, when Claassens went out to the left wing and centred for the flying figure of Botha to go over the top of Drummond and hit a terrific header that had Conquest well beaten.
Australia should have equalised when Nunn gave Hulme possession seven yards out. The inside forward missed a great chance by shooting over the top. It was a shocking miss at this stage of the game. There was another miss at the Australian end when Paton gave Carr a clear run. The winger shot wide.
There came a great equaliser by Hulme after 35 minutes. It followed Robertson's cross, which Frew headed onto the back of Naish's head. As the ball bounced, Hulme hit it in mid-air from 30 yards range - a goal all the way.
Hardly had cheering died down than the Springboks were ahead again. Paton hit the post. When the ball came across the goal, Johnny Claassens put it into the vacant net.
Conquest was injured as he dived at the feet ***of*** Claassens to bring off a great save, but quickly recovered.
Then came an all-out South African attack which ended as Claassens hooked a fierce drive high over.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
28th. June 1950,	Witbank, South Africa			3000

North Transvaal Country Districts (South Africa)..0 v. Australia..9

half time, Northern Transvaal Country Districts..0 v. Australia..3

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Prentice						GK	Bill Mahoney				
	RB	Quinan						RB	Cyril Nicholls				
	LB	Herholdt						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	Buchan						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	Pearson		X				CH	Kevin O'Neill				
	LH	Oelofse (Berea Park)						LH	Jack Smith				
	OR	Woods						OR	George Sanders	X			
	IR	Bousted						IR	Allan James Johns	X			
	CF	Vivian						CF	Gordon Nunn	X			
	IL	Robert Devine (Arcadia)						IL	Frank Parsons	X, X, X, X. X			
	OL	Miller						OL	Harry Robertson	X			
SUBSTITUTES													
		Eric Dickson				X							

Team Coach		Team Coach	Tom Jack
Team Manager		Team Managers	Dave T.Johnstone
Referee			H.J.Barwick
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from the Bulawayo Chronicle, 29/6/1950
The Australian soccer tourists had a field day here today when they beat Northern Transvaal Country Districts XI by nine goals to nil before nearly 4,000 spectators - the biggest crowd to watch a soccer match in Witbank. At half-time they led 3-0.
All the Australian forwards found the net but the redheaded Sydney school-teacher, Frank Parsons, was the most successful, scoring five goals.
This was the most impressive exhibition that Parsons has given on the tour and he showed what a deadly left foot he possesses.
The Australians dominated the game throughout although occasionally the country forwards broke away but their finishing was weak when they were on the target.
Mahoney showed sound judgment and made one memorable dive-save from Bobby Devine, the Northern Transvaal Currie Cup player.
The Australian forwards combined well and had the opposing defence often nonplussed by their splendid passing movements.

match report from the Rand Daily Mail, 29/6/1950
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Mahoney showed sound judgment and made one memorable dive-save from Bobby Devine, the Northern Transvaal Currie Cup player.
It was obvious that the tourists were not taking any chances about sustaining injuries because of the proximity of the second Test on Saturday and they played on a tight rein.
O'Neill played a sterling game at centre-half, while Jack Smith at left-half showed some clever touches and always got rid of the ball to good advantage. The Australian defence was always on top and never harried.
The country players battled valiantly, but were no match for their clever opponents. They were unlucky, however, to lose Pearson, the centre-half, mid-way through the first half. He was replaced by Eric Dickson, who had earlier played in the main curtain-raiser.

match report from the Rhodesia Herald, 30/06/1950

The much-discussed Frank Parsons showed the crowd of 3,000 at Witbank yesterday what a match-winning he must have been in the recent days when Soccer in Australia was played with an attacking centre-half.

Playing at inside-left yesterday, the big Sydney forward crashed in four goals with his left boot, and then got his red head to another to score five of his side's nine goals.

Loose marking by the North-Eastern Transvaal Country Districts team (strengthened by five Pretoria League players) gave the Australians ample time to try out their shooting boots and had Parsons not been so intent on giving his left-wing partner Harold Robertson a goal he could easily have brought his personal tally to eight or nine. The other Australian goals were scored by Nunn, Sanders, Johns and Robertson.

Besides scoring the goals Parson's midfield play was the best of the tourists. In contrast to some of his other games he really worked hard for the ball and his control was a big improvement on his sluggish performances at Ellis Park and Benoni.

The tourists won a tight rein. Their youthful goalkeeper, Bill Mahoney, made one corking dive to save from Bobby Devine. Jack Smith, Adelaide's only representative, showed nice touches but is inclined to be on the slow side, and Kevin O'Neill,deputising at centre-half, was sound throughout.

The Witbank goalkeeper, Prentice, held on to a few stinging shots. He has promise and will be a much better player when he masters the art of angling his goal. The Witbank burly Vivian let fly with a grand volley in the first half but missed a couple of chances after the interval through kicking with the wrong foot.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
1st. July 1950, 15.15	Ellis Park, Johannesburg, South Africa	Warm		20000

Union of South Africa..2 v. Australia..1

half time, Union of South Africa..1 v. Australia..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Aubrey Tyrrell						GK	Norman Conquest				
	RB	Ben Machanik						RB	Cyril Nicholls				
	LB	Gordon Frew						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	Hymie Klonner						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	Harry Naish (c)						CH	Kevin O'Neill				
	LH	Cliff Jacques						LH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	OR	Ray Botha						OR	George Sanders				
	IR	Harold Paton						IR	Allan James Johns				
	CF	John "Johnnie" Claassens	39, 48					CF	Gordon Nunn	70(pk)			
	IL	Tony Holtz						IL	Eric Hulme				
	OL	Jackie Carr						OL	Harry Robertson				
Team Coach		J.Barbour					Team Coach		Tom Jack				
Team Manager							Team Managers		Dave T.Johnstone				
Referee		Rautenbach							H.J.Barwick				
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report by Eric Litchfield of the Sunday Times (Johannesburg), 2/7/1950
Test Line-up:-
Australia: N.Conquest; C.Nicholls, C.Drummond; R.Lawrie (capt.), K.O'Neill, R.Young; G.Sanders, A.Johns, G.Nunn, E.Hulme, H.Robertson.
South Africa: A.Tyrell; B.Mechanik, G.Frew; H.Klonner, H.Naish (capt.), C.Jacques; R.Botha, H.Paton, J.Claassens, A.Holtz, J.Carr.
"Bunny" Nunn is still shaking his head and wondering how it happened. With nine minutes to go in the second Test at Ellis Park and the Springboks leading 2-1, he missed a wide open goal for Australia. Aubrey Tyrrell, the South African 'keeper, was sprawling full-length after a Sanders shot had hit the base of an upright. And with all the time to pick his spot, the Australian centre-forward's shot screwed past the far post.
So ten and a half Springboks - Tony Holtz injured a knee in the first five minutes and was a limping "passenger" on the left wing for the rest of the game - went on to an odd goal in three win. It was thoroughly well earned, And now they sit pretty in the series - two up and two to play.
Two goals by centre-forward Johnny Claassens, one in each half, and both the result of brilliant opportunism, against a penalty by Nunn after he had been "sandwiched" by Naish and Frew, completed the score-card.
But if the crowd of 30,000 went home happy over the Springboks' success I doubt if they still retain many memories of soccer artistry. If they do, then they are easier to please than this reporter.
Allowing for the handicap under which the Springboks battled for 85 minutes, much of the play was scrappy. There was faulty distribution - and indecision.
It was only when Harold Paton and Ray Botha got moving on the Springbok right wing, plus an improved second-half performance from Klonner, that we really saw moves worthy of amateur international class.
Despite the work of this right-wing triangle, it was Jackie Carr, the only non-Transvaal player in the team, who deserves a good, old-fashioned slap on the back.
Moved to inside-left when Holtz was injured, Carr played an almost lone attacking role on the left flank. I say lone because he received little assistance from Cliff Jacques who again had a poor match.
The Natal forward was all over the field. He nipped in with timely tackles to clear threatening Australian moves, and his snap dashes frequently had the Australians going backwards hurriedly.
He deserved a goal. He came near to getting one six minutes from the final whistle when he raced through and slammed a cross-drive against an upright.
Claassens was always a potential danger in the middle. The reason why he didn't cause more trouble, apart from his goals, can be put down to the work of Kevin O'Neill. Moved to centre-half to replace the injured Tom Jack, O'Neill was a dominating figure in Australia's defence.
He made only one mistake - and I blame the ground for it. An awkward bouncing ball went over his head, and Paton was on it in a flash to give Claassens the opportunity to score his second goal.
For once, Australia jumped into their stride from the first whistle. The inside forwards, Johns and Hulme, backed by the strong wing-half play of Young, who showed no signs of his injury, and Lawrie, were yards too fast for the Springbok wing-half backs.
It was early on that I detected indecisiveness in the Springbok defence. So indeed, it would have been no surprise if Australia had taken the lead.
First, Johns had a shot blocked. Then, when the inside-right worked his way towards the opposite flank and parted to Robertson, the left-winger flashed a drive inches over the bar.
Yes, it was certainly a worrying time for the Springbok defence in the opening 20 minutes with Young and Lawrie very much in mid-field command.

The first real South African attack might have brought a goal. Paton got up to Botha's corner - the inside-right so frequently seems to be correctly positioned for these corners - and Conquest knew little about the ball which hit him. It was booted off the line by one of Drummond's huge "anywhere will do" clearances.

In view of Holtz's injury, it did appear that the Springboks were not exploiting their right wing sufficiently. This was proved when their first goal came from a glorious move all the way down the right flank.

It came six minutes before half-time. And jack-in-the-box Carr was the 65-inch man who started it just inside his own half.

Nipping in to intercept a pass, he set Klonner on the move. A quietly pushed ground pass into the open space - few were seen in this game - sent Paton clear.

It appeared that Conquest, at full-length, had the short inside pass covered, but Johnny Claassens shot out a long leg to push the ball into the open goal. It ended the best combined movement of the game.

Brought into the side as a substitute right full-back, Cyril Nicholls, in his first international appearance had a free-kick awarded against him for bumping Carr the first time the ball came his way.

Afterwards he had little trouble against a one-and-a-half Springbok left wing. He could afford to leave Holtz and help cover the middle.

One up at the interval, the Springboks made no bones about jumping off at the start of the second half. In three minutes they were two up when Claassens belted home a waist-high shot from 16 yards range well wide of Conquest.

We waited for the Australian rearguard action to become mobile. We are still waiting.

With Klonner coming more into the game, and one ten-minute flash of inspiration by Jacques, the Springboks took charge.

Still it was Australia who lost a good chance of reducing the lead after nine minutes - and again Nunn was the offender.

It followed a left-wing run by Harry Robertson, who beat both Klonner and Mechanik - not the first time he rounded the right-back all too easily on the floor - and centred for Nunn to trick Naish, but shoot wide of the advancing Tyrrell.

Just when most of us were wondering why we didn't settle down for a siesta the Australians scored. Nunn, moving at pace between Naish and Frew - just about the only mistake Frew made all afternoon - was "sandwiched."

There was no doubt about referee Rautenbach's decision of a foul. But I must say I thought that Australia got away with something.

From the Press box - and whoever built that press box at Ellis Park so far away from the playing area doesn't know the trouble it causes - it appeared that Nunn started his fall well outside the area.

I don't dispute that the centre-forward finished up on all-fours somewhere in the vicinity of the penalty spot, but a free kick just outside the 18-yard line might have been more satisfactory.

Anyway a penalty it was and Nunn hit his shot into the roof of the net. Not a hope for Tyrrell.

Hereabouts I expected more snap about the work of the Australian inside forwards, but long punts up the middle merely played right onto the capable head of Harry Naish.

The only thing they got was a freekick when Hulme was pulled down, and as Lawrie shaped to shoot a whistling obligato sounded. What happened to the advantage?

From Lawrie's free-kick, Sanders slammed a left-foot drive against the post. It is now history that Nunn shot wide from the rebound.

Carr's slashing drive which rattled the upright saved the game from ending on a funeral note.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
8th. July 1950,	Crusader ground, Port Elizabeth, South Africa	Over-cast, heavy and slippery ground		8000

Union of South Africa..1 v. Australia..2

half time, Union of South Africa..0 v. Australia..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Aubrey Tyrrell						GK	Norman Conquest				
	RB	Ben Machanik						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	Gordon Frew						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	Hymie Klonner						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	Harry Naish (c)						CH	Tom Jack				
	LH	Ross Dow						LH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	OR	Ron Montgomery						OR	Eric Hulme				
	IR	Ray Botha						IR	Gordon Nunn				
	CF	John "Johnnie" Claassens	54					CF	Frank Parsons	66, 70			
	IL	Harold Paton						IL	Allan James Johns				
	OL	Jackie Carr						OL	Harry Robertson				
Team Coach		J.Barbour					Team Coach		Tom Jack				
Team Manager		J.H.A.Phillpotts					Team Managers		Dave T.Johnstone				
Referee		A.S.Finlay							H.J.Barwick				
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report by Eric Litchfield of the Sunday Times (Johannesburg), 9/7/1950

Test Line-up:-

Australia: N.Conquest; K.O'Neill, C.Drummond; R.Lawrie (captain), T.Jack, R.Young; E.Hulme, G.Nunn, F.Parsons, A.Johns, H.Robertson.

South Africa: A.Tyrrell; B.Mechanik, G.Frew; H.Klonner, H.Naish (captain), R.Dow; R.Montgomery, R.Botha, J.Claassens, H.Paton, J.Carr.

Frank Parsons, 23-year-old Sydney schoolteacher, who was playing his first game of the series, was the man directly responsible for Australia's soccer Test victory in a match which had a 9,000 crowd thrilled from start to finish on the Crusader ground to-day *(Saturday)* .

Brilliantly taken goals within four***(teen)*** minutes of Claassens giving the Springboks the lead during the second half, did the trick. And Parsons, who played at centre-forward during the first half, but moved to inside-left during a reshuffle of the Australian attack after the interval, had fully justified his inclussion.

It's no good the Springboks crying over the defeat. They had their chances - most of them fell to Johnny Claassens - and they missed them.

I counted at least three in the "gilt-edged" category which went begging.

On the run of play South Africa were perhaps unlucky not to have drawn. The Springboks took their chances to win the first two Tests. This time Australia snapped up opportunities to make it 2-1 in the series.

Where else did the Springboks fail? It was in the same old wing-half positions. It was early on when we saw Dow, making his international debut, a lot too slow to the ball. So Nunn, playing at inside forward gave the defence a torrid time.

On the other flank, Klonner, after a promising opening half, allowed his distribution to go astray. The result was that the Australian inside forwards and wing halves were in control in "no man's land."

Don't run away with the idea that it was all Australia. Far from it. Some of the best soccer of the game came from combined forward movements in which Paton, Carr and Botha starred Montgomery also did much that was good.

Still, the Australians defensive covering was superb, and there was always Tom Jack's head in the way of anything via the aerial route.

There was a time when Australia appeared to be losing the game because of their close-passing. Once they fathomed the variations of the sodden pitch, they interchanged with bewildering rapidity, and Harry Naish's men had their work cut out to prevent further disaster.

The Springboks took the lead after nine minutes in the second half. Carr's cross eluded Jack. Then, although Botha misfired, Claassens, always an opportunist, shot out a long right leg and the ball was past Conquest before the 'keeper had a chance.

Would the Australians crack? The inspiration of Parsons altered the whole game - and the result.

After 21 minutes, a glorious move started when Hulme robbed Dow in midfield. The ball went via Johns to Nunn and to Parsons, who was clear at the angle. His fast left-foot drive from 10 yards glanced off the post on its way into the net.

Four minutes later Robertson, wandering somewhere down near his own penalty area, picked up a stray pass and a 50-yard clearance carried straight to the foot of Nunn. A quick flick past naish and Parsons was put clear only 10 yards out. Tyrrell was given no chance with a ground shot.

The sodden ground was just the thing to slow up the Australians' passing, yet, when South Africa adopted the same tactics, we saw their best play.

At this first half stage, most of the danger came from Montgomery and Botha on the right wing, and here are movements to remember; A Montgomery - Claassens move which resulted in Claassens' shot being turned over the bar; another Claassens first timer which sailed high and wide; and Drummond's goalline clearance after Conquest had failed to clear Montgomery's cross.

But there were also two goal-line incidents at the other end. And each time it was Frew's foot which cleared when Tyrrell had been beaten. Still the goals would not come to either side.

Coming out after half-time, the Australians switched their forwards. Nunn led the attack with Parsons at inside-left, Hulme at inside-right, and Johns on the right wing.

Aided by the strong wing-half play of Lawrie and Young, the move worked.

Still it was the Springboks first in the lead. They held it for 12 minutes.

They failed to press home this advantage. For this the work of Jack and O'Neill and the rugged, rough diamond Drummond must be praised.

The reshuffled Springbok attack could hardly be called a failure. It was just one of those days when the goals wouldn't come for Johnny Claassens.

Naish, Machanik and Frew put up a solid wall in front of Tyrrell. It was just as well, because the Northern Transvaal 'keeper seldom gave the impression of being safe.

So the teams go to Cape Town with the Australians having a chance of levelling the score. They may not be technically the equal of the Springboks, but to-day's crowd gave them full marks for determination.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
12th. July 1950,	De Beers Stadium, Kimberley, South Africa			

Griqualand West (South Africa)..3 v. Australia..7

half time, Griqualand West..2 v. Australia..3

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	E.Boshoff						GK	Bill Mahoney				
	RB	J.Partridge						RB	Cyril Nicholls				
	LB	R.McDonald						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	J.Patterson						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	F.Hughes						CH	Tom Jack				
	LH	K.Helfrich						LH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	OR	M.McDonald						OR	Eric Hulme	X, X			
	IR	K.Ormiston						IR	Allan James Johns	X, X			
	CF	J.Gray						CF	Frank Parsons	X, X			
	IL	A.Symmonds	X					IL	Jack Wilson				
	OL	Len Anley (c)	X					OL	Harry Robertson	X			

Team Coach		Team Coach	Tom Jack
Team Manager		Team Managers	Dave T.Johnstone
Referee			H.J.Barwick
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from the Rand Daily Mail, 13/7/1950

Griquas looked like living up to their reputation as "giant killers" when they led the Australians 2-0 after 30 minutes' play at the De Beers Stadium here to-day. But the tourists recovered well and went on to win by seven goals to three after leading 3-2 at half-time.

The game was played at a fast pace throughout, and was packed with thrills as play swung from one end of the field to the other with both goals having several narrow escapes.

This was one of the biggest goal scoring matches of the tour so far, the other being Australia's 9-0 victory over Northern Transvaal Country Districts at Witbank.

During the first half Griquas more than held their own, and were a shade unlucky to be a goal down at half time. After the interval Griquas never relaxed, and once or twice came very near to scoring, but the result was never in doubt.

The Australian defence, fielding Jack for O'Neill, who is in bed with enteritis, was often caught on the wrong foot by the fast moving Griqualand West forwards.

They swung the ball from one wing to the other, with an occasional pass down the middle.

The Griquas showed some clever touches, and combined very well. Len Anley, who is being spoken of as a fourth Test "possible," has not lost any of his speed, and proved that he is still a dangerous winger.

It was Anley who opened the score after cutting in from the left wing. He also helped with the second goal. Symmonds heading an accurate cross from the left winger past Mahoney.

Besides scoring this goal, Symmonds played a splendid game and was the most dangerous player in the Griqua attack.

It was the speedy and deadly tackling that kept the Australians from opening their score until shortly before the interval.

Time and time again the Australian forwards were caught in possession. Frank Parsons, their centre forward however, appeared to revel in the hard going, and scored two splendid goals, while he also had a number of "near misses."

Allan Johns, who made some clever moves, also scored two goals, while Eric Hulme scored with one direct shot and another bounced off an opponent into the net.

Harold Robertson on the left wing got through a tremendous amount of work, and gave the Griqualand West defence many anxious moments. He scored the other goal.

Jack and Young were always on the go, but the Australians' defence was not as sound as usual, and often appeared to "panic" under pressure.

Helfrich was the best of the Griqua halves, while Partridge at right back often caught the eye. Boshoff, the Griqua goalkeeper, whose judgment was not always sound, nevertheless brought off a number of smart saves, while Mahoney in the Australian goal also had a busy time.

Teams:-

Australia: W.Mahoney; C.Nicholls, C.Drummond; R.Lawrie (captain), T.Jack, R.Young; E.Hulme, A.Johns, F.Parsons, J.Wilson and H.Robertson.

Griqualand West: E.Boshoff; J.Partridge, R.McDonald; W.Patterson, F.Hughes, K.Helfrich; M.McDonald, K.Ormiston, J.Gray, A.Symmonds and L.Anley (captain).

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
15th. July 1950,	Jan Smuts Ground, East London, South Africa			

Frontier (South Africa)..0 v. Australia..4

half time, Frontier..0 v. Australia..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	T.Keir						GK	Norman Conquest				
	RB	D.Morrell						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	D.George (c)						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	L.Mason						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	S.Williams						CH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	LH	T.Forber						LH	Jack Smith				
	OR	K.Petzer						OR	George Sanders				
	IR	D.Daniel						IR	Allan James Johns				
	CF	George Cook						CF	Gordon Nunn	8, 42, 45			
	IL	R.Holshausen						IL	Frank Parsons	9			
	OL	N.Gailey		X				OL	Harry Robertson				

Team Coach		Team Coach	Tom Jack
Team Manager		Team Managers	Dave T.Johnstone
Referee			H.J.Barwick
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from the Cape Argus, 15/7/1950
More than 5,000 were at the Jan Smuts Ground here, today when the Australian soccer tourists played Frontier in the 15th match of their tour.
In the eighth minute Nunn gave the Australians the lead when he connected with a cross from Sanders, and crashed the ball into the net. A minute Parsons increased the lead from close quarters (2-0).
Half-time: Australians .. 2 Frontier .. 0
Within two minutes of the resumption Lawrie sent the ball down the middle for Nunn to work it into the penalty area and beat Keir.
Three minutes later George mis-kicked and the ball went to Nunn who was lying unmarked. Nunn had no difficulty in tapping it into the net.
Final score: Australia .. 4 Frontier .. 0

match report from the Sunday Times (Johannesburg), 16/7/1950
"Bunny" Nunn, the Queensland ticket-writer, caused a Frontier headache when the Australians scored four without reply at Jan Smuts ground here to-day. Nunn helped himself to three goals and proved a rare handful for Frontier's defence.
The Tourists' eighth win of their tour - the third in consecutive matches was no walk-over. In fact Frontier should have taken the lead in the very first minute when Petzer collected after Drummond had completely missed the ball, but shot past with only Conquest to beat. Petzer did a repeat act later.
And there was another occasion when Frontier might have opened their score.
It was just before half-time that inside-left Holshausen lashed a terrific drive against an Australian upright with Conquest nowhere neat the ball.
From the moment Nunn opened the tourists' account with a fierce shot following Sanders' cross, the result was never in doubt. A minute later they were two-up as Parsons netted from close range.
This ended the scoring for the first-half, but two minutes after the break Nunn made it 3-0 with a clever individual effort after Lawrie had fed him in mid-field.
And the centre-forward chalked three up against his name when the Frontier skipper, George, mis-kicked and left him with the easiest of chances.
Later Frontier were handicapped by a knee injury to Gailey, their right-winger. He left the field, says Sapa.
It was Nunn again as the Australians attacked and after clever inter-passing with Parsons the red-headed inside left shot narrowly wide.
Nunn should have added a fifth goal when he was left with only Keir to beat, but shot straight at the 'keeper.
Teams:
Australia: Conquest; O'Neill, Drummond; Lawrie (capt.), Young, Smith; Sanders, Johns, Nunn, Parsons and Robertson.
Frontier: Keir; Morrell, George (capt.); Mason, Williams, Forber; Petzer, Daniel, Cook, Holshausen and Gailey.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
19th. July 1950,	Mossel Bay, South Africa			2000

South Western Country Districts (South Africa)..0 v. Australia..13

half time, South Western Country Districts..0 v. Australia..5

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Reg Saunders (Mossel Bay)						GK	Bill Mahoney				
	RB	J.Pienaar (Mossel Bay)						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	P.Becker (Oudtshoorn)						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	N.Mitchell (George)						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	O.Bands (George)						CH	Tom Jack				
	LH	A.Dean (Mossel Bay)						LH	Cyril Nicholls	X			
	OR	F.Quine (c) (George)						OR	George Sanders	X			
	IR	H.Heunis (Mossel Bay)						IR	Gordon Nunn	X, X, X, X, X			
	CF	C.Henning (Oudtshoorn)						CF	Frank Parsons	X, X, X, X			
	IL	H.Ohlsen (Knysna)						IL	Eric Hulme	X			
	OL	W.Pienaar (Mossel Bay)						OL	Harry Robertson	X			

Team Coach		Team Coach	Tom Jack
Team Manager		Team Managers	Dave T.Johnstone
Referee			H.J.Barwick
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from the Rand Daily Mail, 20/7/1950

The Australian soccer tourists scored their biggest victory of the tour when they defeated South Western Districts 13-0 after leading 5-0 at halftime. They completely dominated play, and, could have won by an even bigger margin.

The goalscorers were: Nunn (5), Parsons (4), Robertson, Sanders, Hulme and Nicholls.

This was the first time an overseas soccer team has ever played at Mossel Bay.

With the exception of an occasional breakaway by their forwards, South Western Districts were hemmed in their own half.

The Australian forwards combined very well and delighted the 2,000 spectators with their good understanding and positional play.

Sanders on the right wing was outstanding, while Tom Jack proved that he has recovered from his knee injury and is fit for the fourth and final test at Hartleyvale on Saturday.

Reg Saunders, the South Western Districts goalkeeper, although beaten thirteen times, brought off a number of good saves.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
22nd. July 1950,	Hartleyvale, Cape Town, South Africa			12000

Union of South Africa..0 v. Australia..2

half time, Union of South Africa..0 v. Australia..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Aubrey Tyrell						GK	Norman Conquest				
	RB	Ernie Dowell						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	Gordon Frew						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	Hymie Klonner						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	Harry Naish (c)						CH	Tom Jack				
	LH	Wally Bunton						LH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	OR	Ray Botha						OR	Eric Hulme				
	IR	Alfred Luck						IR	Frank Parsons				
	CF	John "Johnnie" Claassens						CF	Gordon Nunn	49, 71			
	IL	Arthur Butler						IL	Allan James Johns				
	OL	Jackie Carr						OL	Harry Robertson				
Team Coach		J.Barbour					Team Coach		Tom Jack				
Team Manager							Team Managers		Dave T.Johnstone				
Referee		Stanley Krantz							H.J.Barwick				
Linesman		H.Katzel											
Linesman		T.Javis											

match report from the Cape Argus, 22/7/1950

Australia's great fighting spirit beat South Africa 2-0 in the fourth and final soccer test match at Hartleyvale this afternoon. This victory enabled the tourists to share the rubber. Ten thousand excited spectators watched the game. Nunn scored both goals in the second half.

The ground was heavy but dry, and the best sunny weather the Cape has had for weeks favoured the match.

The teams were:-

Australia: N.Conquest; K.O'Neill, C.Drummond; R.Lawrie (captain), T.Jack, R.Young; E.Hulme, A.Johns, G.Nunn, F.Parsons and H.Robertson.

South Africa: A.Credie; E.Dowell, G.Frew; H.Klonner, H.Naish (captain), W.Bunton; R.Botha, A.Luck, J.Claassens, A.Butler and J.Carr.

Both teams were given a big ovation as they marched on to the field led by the Cape Town Caledonian pipers. The players were introduced to the Administrator of the Cape (Mr.J.G.Carinus).

Lawrie won the toss for Australia and decided to play with the sun behind their backs.

A fine long pass by Dowell to Botha saw the right-winger cross into the middle, but Luck, playing in his first international, was a bit slow and missed a possible scoring chance.

Parsons gave the crowd an early thrill when after a 30-yard solo run he crashed in a stinging left-footed drive. Credie dived across safely to hug the speeding ball.

Drummond lobbed a 40-yard free kick into the Springbok six-yard box where Nunn fastened on to the ball as it rolled loose but missed an excellent chance of giving Australia an early lead.

Despite the heavy ground the play was fast, with both sets of forwards coming into the picture but being held by the close marking defences.

Clever interchanging by the tourists left Johns clear on the right wing and again Credie was given a big cheer as he came out to clutch the perfect centre by Johns.

Conquest caused a roar of applause for a remarkable save. Dowell lobbed a 40-yarder into the box and Botha, unmarked a few yards out, steered the ball for what looked like a certain goal, but Conquest did a contortionist twist to turn the ball round the corner.

The Springboks emulated the Australian policy of quick interchanging among the forwards and in one such move Claassens burst through on the right-wing to hammer in a terrific shot which Conquest saved splendidly.

After sparring with short passes, both teams resorted to swinging the ball about.

Dowell constantly worried the Australian defence with his high punts down the middle. These led to a grim tussle between Claassens and Jack, with the burly centre-half having the better of the exchanges.

Half-time: Australia .. .. 0 South Africa 0

A well-planned through pass in the second half down the middle by Lawrie saw the ball go to Parsons.

The red-haired Sydney school-teacher had a yard to spare on the defence, and racing down the middle he drew Naish before slipping the ball through to Nunn.

The Australian centre-forward took a pace forward and then from eight yards out crashed in an unstoppable shot past Credie to give Australia the lead.

With their blood well up the Australians were hot on the trail for another goal but Naish blocked the danger and started movements from his own box.

A lovely passing movement by Carr and Butler enabled Claassens to burst through and have a potshot at goal - a foot wide.

Carr broke down the middle and placed a left-footed drive just inside the post but the referee's whistle had gone to negative the shot.

Australia held on desperately, raced away and earned two corners.

The second one taken by Robertson dropped to the unmarked Parsons. The big Australian forward calmly headed the ball down to Nunn, and before the surprised Springboks realized what had happened the centre-forward flashed in a second goal for Australia. The ball went in via the underside of the cross-bar.
Great defence by the Australians stopped the Springboks as they tried again and again to score.
Parsons burst through again and struck the cross-bar. This big forward dropped back to help his defence but fouled with a bump in the back.
The referee called Lawrie to ask him to warn Parsons.
Final score: Australia .. .. 2 South Africa 0

match report by Eric Litchfield of the Sunday Times (Johannesburg), 23/7/1950
South Africa's soccer prestige was severely dented at Hartleyvale to-day when eleven "fighters" from Australia gave Harry Naish's Springboks a lesson in determination. Two beautifully taken goals by the Queensland ticket-writer, "Bunny" Nunn, did the trick. They saved the rubber for the Australians after they had been two down in the series.
So Australia, rated by the majority as technically inferior to our best soccer performers, have confounded their critics with two Test wins - and it might easily have been the whole four. I am of the opinion that if a fifth Test was arranged, as it should be, Australia would win the series outright.
The reason is that we just haven't the wing half-backs and inside forwards to match either the determination of the Australians or their skill.
This is where they had the pull to-day. Bob Lawrie and Bob Young completely dominated the midfield.
At inside forward, Frank Parsons and Eric Hulme, who switched when Johns was slowed up by injury, carved great gaps in the Springbok defence. In fact, it was the red-headed Parsons who must take a lot of the credit for both goals.
This is how they came: Two minutes after half-time, Lawrie gave Parsons a peach of a through pass. The inside left drew Naish, and served Nunn a pass on a silver plate eight yards out. Credie never saw the centre-forward's shot.
But the second goal was against the run of play at that stage. The Springboks had shown signs of getting on top when a sudden breakaway saw Johns force a corner.
A second corner followed. This time it was Robertson's turn. His kick landed on Parson's head, and a coolly placed "air" pass went to the foot of Nunn. Again there was no chance for Credie.
This 2-0 victory might have been much greater. I counted at least 18 shots which flashed high or wide of Credie's goal.
The reshuffled Springbok side was not a complete failure, but it was certainly not a success. There was too much loose work about the defence. If there has ever been a poorer forward line wearing the Springbok shirts, then it must have been terrible.
Luck wandered around the holding Hartleyvale ground like a man lost in a fog. He was completely outplayed. Don't blame the Western Province boy - blame the selectors who put him in the side.
Arthur Butler was no better than when he performed for Southern Transvaal against Australia at Ellis Park. But there was just a suspicion about his heavily bandaged right knee. He didn't look happy about it from the first whistle.
The only times he really came into the game - he switched to the left wing - was when he flashed two hard drives high over Conquest's crossbar.
A big weight was thrown on Claassens, Carr and Botha. Whenever danger threatened Conquest, it usually came from one of these three players. In fact, had Botha been quicker on three occasions during the first half, instead of waiting to get the ball under control, the Springboks might have taken the lead.
It was Botha who caused Conquest to make the save of the match. This was during the first half when Claassens neatly headed into open space and the right winger fired in a hard ground drive with his left foot. Conquest pushed it aside with one hand while at full stretch.
Late in the game, Naish switched his forward line, with Claassens on the right wing and Botha at centre-forward. But at that stage the rocklike Australian defence was ready for anything. The only thing of any consequence was when Carr netted long after the whistle had gone for off-side.
Once again, the Springbok wing-halves ran a definite second best. They did have one good spell just after the Australians took the lead, but they petered when Nunn scored his second goal.
Klonner worked hard but again his distribution was faulty. Towards the end he was a tired young man. On the opposite flank, Bunton, in his first Test, showed promise on the attack, but was found lacking in pace against Hulme.
Behind this beaten half-back line, Dowell, Frew and Naish did good work. The full-back covering of Naish, who played a cool game in face of Nunn's thrust, was the best of the series.
Behind them, Alec Credie could not be faulted. It was early on when he showed his ability as he dived to save Parsons' fierce cross drive.
Claassens had a difficult time trying to get round Tom Jack, who was the complete master in the air. Still, Claassens did manage to get in several drives which ran wide.
Whenever danger did threaten, there was the notorious first-time tackling of Drummond and O'Neill to upset the home men. The forwards didn't like it.
On a bumpy ground, the game produced some of the best soccer of the series - most of it from the Australian wing half backs. And the 10,000 crowd, who went home disappointed with the Springbok display, agreed that they had their money's worth.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
29th. July 1950, 15.30	Hartleyvale, Cape Town, South Africa			4000

Western Province (South Africa)..3 v. Australia..3

half time, Western Province..1 v. Australia..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Alec Credie (Clyde)						GK	Bill Mahoney				
	RB	B.Lotter (Tramway)						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	John Hastie (Clyde)						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	Max Maskin (c) (Clyde)						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	W.Brown (Clyde)						CH	Tom Jack				
	LH	Angus Powell (Marist)						LH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	OR	Thomas McKay (Park Villa)						OR	George Sanders				
	IR	G.Miller (Moths)	25, 78					IR	Eric Hulme				
	CF	E.Ackerberg (Tramway)						CF	Gordon Nunn	X			
	IL	Alfred Luck (Penisula)	X					IL	Frank Parsons	13, 31			
	OL	Arthur E. Roos						OL	Harry Robertson				
Team Coach							Team Coach		Tom Jack				
Team Manager							Team Managers		Dave T.Johnstone				
Referee		T.Davis							H.J.Barwick				
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from the Cape Argus, 29/7/1950
Western Province held the Australian soccer team to a 3-3 draw in the last match of the South African tour. Western Province were a goal behind for most of the game. Two minutes from time Miller scored the equalizing goal.
There was an attendance of 4,000 - a small crowd.
The teams, which were led on to the field by the band of the Caledonian Society, were as follows:-
Australia: W.Mahoney; K.O'Neill, C.Drummond; R.Lawrie, T.Jack, R.Young; G.Sanders, E.Hulme, G.Nunn, F.Parsons, H.Robertson.
Western Province: A.Credie; B.Lotter, J.Hastie; M.Maskin, W.Brown, A.Powell; T.McKay, G.Miller, E.Ackerberg, A.Luck, A.Roos.
Referee: Mr.T.Davis
Kicking off with the sun behind them Province were early on the attack with a couple of corners, and Ackerberg fired in high from 20 yards.
Keen tackling kept both sides from making real progress until Parsons, veering to the left, scored in the far corner of the net from 25 yards out in the 13th minute.
Continuing to press, the Australians missed a chance when Nunn missed an open goal.
Suddenly Hastie got Roos away in a good run but the latter's shot rebounded from the bar.
But Province again attacked for Ackerberg to feed Miller, who equalized after 25 minutes play.
After half an hour's play Australia again took the lead when Parsons scored from a free kick 20 yards out.
Half-time score: Australia .. .. 2 Western Province 1
Early in the second half Sanders was sent away on the right and Nunn scored from a centre.
Following end-to-end play O'Neill conceded a corner. This, well placed by McKay, led to a scrimmage on the goal line and Luck scored.
Australia attacked for a spell and Credie brought off two splendid saves from shots close in.
Five minutes from time with the crowd roaring appreciatively McKay had bad luck when a corner kick of his hit the bar.
Two minutes from time Province deservedly equalized.
McKay drew two opponents before passing to Ackerberg who centred to Miller who found the net.
A minute later a hard, low drive by Roos was splendidly saved by Mahoney.
Final score: Australia .. .. 3 Western Province 3

match report from the Sunday Times (Johannesburg), 30/7/1950
There were only two minutes to go in this final game of the Australian soccer tour when Miller, Western Province's inside right scored the equalising goal and brought the score card up to 3-3.
Immediately afterwards, reports Sapa, Athur Roos, Province's 19-year-old outside left, almost snatched a win for his side when he sprinted down the wing, cut in, and made the diminutive Bill Mahoney bring off a grand save.
A draw, however, was a fair result in one of the fastest and exciting games played during the Australians' 10-weeks tour of South Africa.
There was hardly a dull moment throughout the 80 minutes as play swung from one end of the field to the other with almost bewildering rapidity, and the crowd of 3,500 went home well satisfied with their afternoon's sport.
After only 11 minutes' play Frank Parsons cut out to the left wing and lifted the ball high into the goalmouth. Credie, who was hustled by Nunn, completely misjudged the ball, which went over his head into the back of the net for Australia's first goal.
After this reverse, Western Province attacked strongly and Roos struck the upright with a terrific drive from about six yards out.
Province continued to attack and Miller beat Mahoney with a grand shot into the left hand corner of the net, to level the score.
In the 31st minute, Parsons was fouled just outside Province penalty area. The tall Australian inside-left took the kick and beat the line of players, his shot striking the upright before going into the net. And Australia held their 2-1 lead at half-time.
Australia soon increased their lead, Nunn taking Sanders' pass, and sidestepped Hastie before beating Credie.
Province, who were not dismayed, raced to the attack, and Luck tapped the ball into the back of the net.
Province attacked strongly, and twice in quick succession Drummond cleared at the expense of corners. Then McKay, the Western Province right winger, struck the upright from about 10 yards out. Mahoney caught the ball on the rebound and cleared upfield.
Just before Province equalised "Bunny" Nunn, Australia's centre-forward, missed a great chance when he picked up a cross from the right, and with only Alex Credie, the Western Province goalkeeper to beat, crashed the ball high over the bar from about 12 yards out.
Western Province, too, had their "near misses." On one occasion Miller headed the ball against the upright with the Australian keeper out of position.
The Australians' tour record reads:- Played 18, won 10, lost 5, drawn 3; goals for 65, goals against 28. Of the five matches lost four were by the odd goal.
Australia: Mahoney; O'Neill, Drummond; Lawrie (capt.), Jack, Young; Sanders, Hulme, Nunn, Parsons and Robertson.
Western Province: Credie; Lotter, Hastie; Maskin (capt.), Brown, Powell; McKay, Miller, Ackerberg, Luck and Roos.

Note:- The Union of South Africa tour goal scorers for Australia were F.Parsons..21 goals; G.Nunn..18; A.Johns..7; E.Hulme..7; G.Sanders..4; H.Robertson..4; R.Lawrie..1; T.Jack..1; C.Nicholls..1 and there was one own goal (Oelofse).
Harry Robertson played in all the games.

On returning to Australia the team played a number of games agaist State sides.

copied from Richard Kreider (Paddocks to Pitches)

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
17th. August 1950, 15.00	Subiaco Oval, Perth, Western Australia			

Western Australia..1 v. Australia..5

half time, Western Australia..0 v. Australia..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Syd McGovern (Caledonian)						GK	Norman Conquest				
	RB	Ron Adair (Victoria Park)						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	Gordon Nash (South Perth)						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	J.Grant (Perth City)						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	R."Bob" Cherry (c) (Shenton Park	32(og)					CH	Tom Jack				
	LH	Stewart Johnson (South Perth)						LH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	OR	E.Hughes (Balmoral)						OR	Eric Hulme	80			
	IR	Jack Smethurst (Perth City)						IR	Allan James Johns				
	CF	Alan Beale (Spearwood Rovers)						CF	Gordon Nunn	43, 88			
	IL	A."Bert" Robertson (North Perth)	48					IL	Frank Parsons	62			
	OL	H.Norman (Victoria Park)						OL	Harry Robertson				
Team Coach							Team Coach		Tom Jack				
Team Manager		A.F.Craigie					Team Managers		Dave T.Johnstone				
Referee		A.Gilchrist							H.J.Barwick				
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The West Australian, 18/8/1950, page 26 http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/47881200

After Western Australia had played well to hold the Australian touring team to a four-goal victory in the soccer match at Subiaco Oval yesterday, the tourists' manager (Mr.D.T.Johnston) advocated that W.A. should strive to raise its standard by playing more interstate games. The tourists won 5-1.

"For the past few seasons W.A. has not been represented at any council meetings in Sydney," Mr.Johnston said. "This is despite the fact that the expenses of the W.A. delegate would have been met by the council."

"I have spoken to officials here and stressed the importance of being represented and am hopeful that next season will see W.A. actively engaged both on the field of play and on administration matters."

West Australian players whom Mr.Johnston thought fell little short of Australian standard were the two inside forwards, Smethurst and Robertson. Both players showed intelligence with their distribution of the ball and Robertson's goal shortly after half-time was one of the highlights of the game.

The match started off in promising style after Cherry had won the toss for W.A. and elected to kick against the strong breeze blowing directly up and down the pitch. A run down the left wing by Norman ended when he crossed the ball into the goalmouth only to see the tourists' goalkeeper, Conquest, save in good fashion.

Kicking into the wind, W.A. made the mistake of keeping the ball in the air and passing it straight down the middle of the field. The tall defenders reigned supreme in the air and had little difficulty in repulsing these attacks. Jack, at centre-half was especially prominent and kept a tight hold on the W.A. centre-forward Beale. On the one occasion that Beale did outstrip his opponent, his shot went inches wide of the upright.

The tourists continued to play polished soccer. They kept the ball on the ground and drew an opponent before passing to a team-mate who always ran into an open space to receive the ball. However, McGovern, in the W.A. goal, was in great form and often earned the applause of the meagre crowd with his clever anticipation and long clearances.

Eventually disaster overtook W.A. when in the 32nd-minute McGovern ran out to punch a high lob clear but knocked the ball on to his team-mate, Cherry. It then rebounded into the net. After this set-back the W.A. defenders appeared a little nervous and faulty clearances often left the tourists' forwards in possession. Two minutes before half-time the Australian centre-forward, Nunn, leapt high to reach a cross from the right wing and headed the ball wide of McGovern to make the score 2-0.

On the resumption, with the wind behind it, W.A. improved and straight away went into the attack. Soon the inside-left, Robertson, found the ball at his feet about 25 yards from goal and pivoting smartly he crashed home a right-footed drive which hit the underside of the cross-bar before entering the net. Seconds later Conquest was again brought into action when he dived to punch the ball clear for a corner. W.A. was now playing forceful soccer and it appeared that the tourists were in danger of losing the lead.

However, the Australians settled down again, and applied strong pressure for the remainder of the game. Parsons added the tourists' third goal when he fastened onto a pass from Nunn and rammed the ball past the advancing McGovern into the net. Further goals were added by Hulme, the outside-right, and Nunn, who scored two minutes from time after a misunderstanding between the W.A. goalkeeper and a defender.

The tourists showed clever positional play and made great use of their extra height and weight. In the air they were almost unbeatable.

The defence of O'Neill, Drummond and Jack was almost impregnable and Laurie and Young on the half-back flnks kept up a constant stream of passes to their forwards. Of these Hulme, Parsons and Nunn were the most impressive.

Considering that the W.A. team had only been selected four days previously and that the players had not played as a team before their showing was quite good. The defence in general was sure with its kicking and very fast. Robertson and Smethurst showed neat touches, while Hughes and Beale were fast enough but inaccurate in front of goal. It was in the air where W.A. was weakest and if this fault could be eliminated and the necessary understanding develop among the players then this State should be in a position to hold its own against most opposition.
In the cutain-raiser a combined services side beat a team from H.M.A.S. Australia 7-0.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
26th. August 1950, 14.00	British Tube Mills Recreation Grounds, Kilburn, Adelaide, South Australia			

South Australia..0 v. Australia..6

half time, South Australia..0 v. Australia..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	G.Giancaspro (Juventus)						GK	Bill Mahoney				
	RB	Gordon Combe (Sturt)						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	H.Johnson (Port Thistle)						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	Kevin Heffernan (Port Adelaide)						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	W.Thompson (Birkalla Rovers)						CH	Tom Jack				
	LH	R.Mills (c) (Kingswood)						LH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	OR	D.Zivic (Juventus)						OR	Eric Hulme				
	IR	Louis Toth (Woodside)						IR	Allan James Johns	X, X			
	CF	W.H.Grace (Port Thistle)						CF	Gordon Nunn	X, X, X			
	IL	J.Freckleton (Birkalla Rovers)						IL	Frank Parsons				
	OL	P.Cranswick (Birkalla Rovers)						OL	Harry Robertson	X			
Team Coach							Team Coach		Tom Jack				
Team Manager							Team Managers		Dave T.Johnstone				
Referee		Jack Moore							H.J.Barwick				
Linesman													
Linesman													

The Mail, 26/8/1950, page 35 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/56067506/4652378
match report from The Advertiser, 28/8/1950, page 7 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/44920751/3200644

Despite the fact that the State soccer team was beaten 6-0 by the Australian XI at Kilburn Oval on Saturday it was by no means disgraced and put up its best showing against an international team for years.
When the Australian team was announced local officials lodged a protest against the non-inclusion of SA representative Jack Smith, in the Australian side. However, no action was taken to include him and members of the Australian team were indignant at his omission.
SA had much more of the play than the score would indicate, and held Australia to a goal at half time.
Both teams missed chances in the first half with SA the biggest offender. On three occasions Zivic was left with a clear run to goal but shot wildly and Grace lofted over the bar when well placed. Mahoney's closest call was a pass back by Australian full back Drummond, the keeper having to dive smartly to avert a score.
Australia's second goal was scored immediately after the interval when outside left Robertson gave Giancaspro no chance with a fast rising shot. At this stage SA looked like fighting back and Mahoney saved well from Cranswick. Nunn missed narrowly at the other end and SA came again for Cranswick to hit the cross-bar with a good shot. The ball fell at the feet of Grace, but unable to get in his shot, he passed to Zivic who shot hard for goal only to see his effort smothered by Jack.
Australia's forwards were deadly in the latter stages of the game and rattled on four more goals without a reply from SA.
In the Australian team none did better than O'Neill at right back. He was sure in his tackle and placed the ball to advantage. Left back, Drummond also cleared well, but his kicks were not as well directed as O'Neill's.
All half backs played well with Jack just a shade better than Lawrie and Young. Johns was the cleverest forward on the field while Nunn was always dangerous.
For SA Giancaspro had many clever saves and had no chance with the shots that beat him. Combe was the best defender and was the best full back on the ground. Johnson played well under difficulties, being a victim of influenza.
Heffernan's ball control and distribution were good at times but he was often slow in parting with the ball. Thompson played a quiet but effective game at centre half, while Mills did well in the second half.
Zivic could do nothing right and missed at least four chances. Toth was reluctant to mix it and his hesitancy made it easy for the opposition to step in and clear while Grace at centre forward battled hard. Freckleton played a quiet but useful game, and Cranswick (outside left) was the best forward.
Result:- Australia 6, d. South Australia 0.
Goalscorers: Nunn 3, Johns 2, Robertson.
Best players:- Australia; O'Neill, Jack, Johns. SA; Combe, Giancaspro, Cranswick.

The match Victoria versus Australia scheduled to be played at Olympic Park, Melbourne on 29/8/1950 was cancelled.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
2nd. September 1950, 15.00	Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney New South Wales			6000

New South Wales..3 v. Australia..0

half time, New South Wales..2 v. Australia..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Lord (Drummoyne)						GK	Norman Conquest				
	RB	Cliff Almond (Cessnock)						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	Doug Wendt (Adamstown)						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	Eric "Mick" Duff (Woonona Bulli)						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	Bill Wilson (c) (Leichhardt Annandale)						CH	Tom Jack	15(og)			
	LH	Milija Vesovic (Leichhardt Annandale)						LH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	OR	Ernest "Dick" Kemp (Wallsend)						OR	George Sanders				
	IR	George Russell (Leichhardt Annandale)						IR	Allan James Johns				
	CF	Reg Date (Wallsend)	80					CF	Gordon Nunn				
	IL	John "Jock" McMahon (Leichhardt Annandale)						IL	Frank "Snipper" Parsons				
	OL	Ray Marshall (Granville)	9					OL	Harry Robertson				

Team Coach		Team Coach	Tom Jack
Team Manager	Stan Jones	Team Managers	Dave T.Johnstone
Referee	Jack McKenzie (Australia)		H.J.Barwick
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from The Sunday Herald, 3/9/1950, page 12 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/18482887/1531344

Stale after its long sea trip and obviously in need of a hard match, the Australian Soccer team was beaten 3-nil by New South Wales at the Sports Ground yesterday.
The result would have been much closer had the returning tourists not encountered brilliant goalkeeping from 21-year-old Drummoyne star, Ron Lord.
Lord completely outshone his opposite Norm Conquest, and repeatedly thrilled the crowd with spectacular saves.
The Australian team reached Sydney from South Africa only yesterday, after a month aboard the Arawa. The players had not found their "land legs."
The team's last hard game was in Capetown on July 31, and although it met weak teams at Perth and Adelaide and excercised on board ship, it could not settle down against New South Wales.
After the match, captain Bob Lawrie said his only excuse for the defeat was that "the team badly needed a run."
"I think it will be a different tale when we clash again at Newcastle tomorrow," he said.
However, the win was a great performance by the State side, particularly because the players had not trained together during the week.
New South Wales led 2-nil at half-time.
It won the toss and ran with the strong downfield wind and with the sun behind it in the first half.
The first goal came nine minutes after the kick-off.
Right-winger E. ("Dickie") Kemp crossed to left-winger Ray Marshall, who banged the ball high into the net above Conquest's head.
Six minutes later the wind stopped Victorian centre-half Tom Jack from checking a long swinging drive and he mis-kicked it into his own net.
Then the Australian team revealed some of the short passing tactics it learned in South Africa and bombarded the State defence.
But Lord, with good saves and some luck, managed to keep the ball out of the net.
On three occasions it seemed likely that Australia would score.
Once, Lord, who had been knocked to the ground about 10 yards from his goal, was lucky to get his hands to a loose ball and keep the Australians out.
Seven minutes before the interval he just managed to fend off a hard drive by Gordon Nunn.
A little later Nunn passed Lord with an angled shot, only to see it rebound from an upright and booted downfield.
Migrant left-half Milija Vesovic saved the situation on a number of times by wisely backing up his defending team-mates.
In the second spell the tourists tired badly and could not finish off their moves.

But they fought back and Harry Robertson and Frank Parsons banged hard drives at the goal. Again Lord was safe.
Seventeen minutes after the interval George Sanders almost performed the unusual feat of scoring directly from a corner kick.
The ball carried into the goal by the wind, but Lord fended it out. It fell at the feet of two Australian forwards, but he dived and covered it before they could shoot.
Ten minutes from the end, former international Reg Date clinched the match for N.S.W. when he scored a brilliant goal from 25 yards out.
Date had been bottled up by Tom Jack, who gave a good exhibition of defensive centre-half play.
The match was capably handled by referee Jack McKenzie, who pleased the crowd of 6,000 with his accurate interpretations of the advantage rule and minimum use of the whistle.
New South Wales, 3 (R.Marshall, R.Date, T.Jack, through own goal), beat Australia, nil.

copied from "History of Soccer in Northern NSW" by Harry Hethrington, Volume 6, page 75

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
3rd. September 1950, 15.00	Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, New South Wales			6000

New South Wales..1 v. Australia..2

half time, New South Wales..0 v. Australia..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Lord (Drummoyne)						GK	Bill Mahoney				
	RB	Cliff Almond (Cessnock)						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	Doug Wendt (Adamstown)						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	Milija Vesovic (Leichhardt Annandale)						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)				
	CH	Bill Wilson (c) (Leichhardt Annandale)						CH	Tom Jack				
	LH	Dave Williams (Adamstown)						LH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	OR	Ernest "Dick" Kemp (Wallsend)						OR	Allan James Johns	24			
	IR	George Russell (Leichhardt Annandale)	X					IR	Eric Hulme				
	CF	Reg Date (Wallsend)						CF	Gordon Nunn				
	IL	John "Jock" McMahon (Leichhardt Annandale)						IL	Frank Parsons	10			
	OL	Colin Newton (Adamstown)						OL	Harry Robertson				
Team Coach							Team Coach		Tom Jack				
Team Manager							Team Managers		Dave T.Johnstone				
Referee		Harold S. Parker							H.J.Barwick				
Linesman													
Linesman													

The Newcastle Sun, 4/9/1950, page 11 http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/157876707
match report from the Newcastle Morning Herald, 4/9/1950, page 6 (by "The Onlooker") http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/134390778

The Australian Soccer team, which returned recently from its South African tour, won its final match yesterday. It defeated New South Wales by two goals to one at Wallsend.

The victory squared accounts. On Saturday, the State side defeated Australia, three goals to nil, in Sydney.

Members of the Australian team said yesterday that Saturday's defeat was caused by the fact that players were still without "land legs." They arrived in Sydney on Friday after 22 days at sea. Because of official receptions, the team did not have the opportunity of a muscle-loosening run.

Despite a high wind which sometimes made ball control difficult, yestrday's match was of particularly high standard. One of its lessons is that, if Australian teams are assembled in reasonable time before international fixtures, and given a chance to develop, Australia need have no fear of her ability in world Soccer.

The improvement in the Australians is remarkable. They are cultured players, who have learned at last that positional superiority is the main virtue in the game, and that it allows the making of match-winning moves.

There were many - and I was one - who considered that Australia could not hope to do well against South Africa, judged on 1947 standards, much less break even in the Tests. There were also many who argued that because Australia did break even, South Africa's ability had waned. On yesterday's play it seems that Australia was unlucky that injuries disrupted the team for the first two Tests. Had the best side been available, Australia would probably have won the Ashes.

The Australian team, on yesterday's showing and making allowance for it being a tired team, was as good as South Africa was in Australia. One believes the players when they say that the South African standard has not failed, for it would need a good side to defeat this Australian team or even to hold it to one-goal victories, as in the last two Test matches.

Most noticeable improvement is in Kevin O'Neill, of Cessnock. He is now a polished defender, with impressive, thoughtful play. Alan Johns, of Adamstown, has added considerably to his skill and his positional understanding is more acute. W.Mahoney, Wallsend goalkeeper, whose faulty positioning before the tour was the despair of many supporters, has overcome that weakness, and is an accomplished 'keeper. They were the only three Northerners to play yesterday.

The team's display yesterday also showed that Australia has a fine stopper centre half-back for the immediate future. He is T.Jack, of Victoria, who, at 24 should have many more playing days. He is an outstanding player.

Australia can develop an outstanding side from the 22 who played yesterday. Some of the New South Wales players are good enough for any Test side, and, when blended with the tourists, will no doubt reach the same high standard.

Although lacking competitive incentive, play yesterday was sufficiently fast, and hard to keep interest alive, even long after the Australian team had shown that it was the master. Some of the football, despite the heavy wind was the cleverest seen in years.

The last 15 minutes, during which N.S.W. increased its pace and force, was outstanding in its exchanges. The State side might have saved the match but for the inside-forwards, G.Russell and A.McMahon, both of Leichhardt-Annandale, who seemed to play more for themselves than for the side. Neither tried to help R.Date and not once did they attempt to draw his "shadow," Jack, away from Date.
Despite these handicaps, Date made the State side's only goal. That was good enough to show what could have been done had the inside men played the football of which they are capable, and which is expected from State players.
Australia scored after 10 minutes, Hulme landing the ball on Parson's head after a series of heading exchanges, and Parsons nodded a well-placed header out of Lord's reach. There was much good football before this goal, with the Australian team tending to exaggerate its approach work, often using six passes when four would have done.
The second goal came in the 24th minute when Hulme and Johns cut through the defence and Johns, from about 15 yards out, cooly planted a fast shot in the corner.
New South Wales did not score till the second half was well advanced. The goal came after Newton had given Date, nursing an injured ankle, a pass. Instead of trying to score himself - as he was entitled to do - Date gave Russell a tailor-made pass. Anyone in the crowd of more than 6000 could have rolled it into the net as he did. The Australian goal had a few narrow escapes after that, but the team has perfected a sound covering in defence, and was equal to the emergencies.
N.S.W. was fortunate to lose by only one goal. That, to some extent, was because of the brilliant goalkeeping of R.Lord, who is Australia's No.1 'keeper, and the fact that Australia was content to keep its lead without making full efforts to add to it.

(Note:- The Newcastle Morning Herald report mentions A.McMahon as playing. This could by Albert "Alby" McMahon, who also played for Leichhardt-Annandale and was the older brother of "Jock", however, most sources have J.McMahon as playing.)

Article from The Sydney Morning Herald, 22/8/1950, page 10 (http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/18172955)

The Australian Soccer Football Association has approved the tour to New Caledonia and has asked 18 players from four States if they would be available.
This was announced last night by the secretary of the association, Mr. Roy Druery.
New Caledonia had asked Australia to send a team for three matches between September 10 and 28.
Mr. Druery would not name the 18 men, but said invitations had gone to Queensland, Victorian, South Australian, and New South Wales players.
However, it is likely that 13 or 14 will come from Queensland to reduce the cost of the trip.
The team, to be known as an Australian Association eleven, and a manager, will be chosen on Thursday night.

A similar article was published in the Townsville Daily Bulletin, 22/8/1950, page 4 (http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/63092842) with the additional sentance:-

None of the Australian team which toured South Africa will be selected, and it is also unlikely that any of the members of the teams competing in the State premiership semi-finals will go.

Article from The Argus, 4/9/1950, page 11 (http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/22895693)

The New South Wales S.F.A. has refused to release any players to tour New Caledonia with the Australian soccer team.
A decision to make the tour has been made by the Commonwealth Soccer Football Association.
The Australian team will now comprise Queenslanders and two Victorians, Eric Heath, Moreland, and Angus Drennen, Sunshine
The Victorians, who leave next weekend, will not be available for the Dockerty Cup finals.

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
17th. September 1950, 15.30	Vélodrome Georges Brunelet, Noumea, New Caledonia			4000

New Caledonia..1 v. Australian Association Xl..0

half time, New Caledonia..1 v. Australian Association Xl..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
						START LIST							
	GK	J.Van Soc						GK	Wal."Blue" Mitchell				
	RB	M.Song					1	RB	Eric Heath				
	LB	B.Tsutsui					2	LB	Ron Hughes				
	RH	P.Iwami					3	RH	Ron Coleman				
	CB	R.Nicol					4	CH	Harry Brophy (c)				
	LH	M.Barthélémy	40				5	LH	Angus Drennan				
	OR	C.Dalmas					6	OR	W.H.Grace				
	IR	R.Valette					14	IR	Ron Hassett				
	CF	R.Kosack					8	CF	Alf Hall				
	IL	P.Beurrier (c)		65			9	IL	Cliff Sander		X		
	OL	A.Veau					10	OL	Malcolm Wild				
						SUBSTITUTES							
		A.Nakagawa				65	7		George Gladwyn				X

Team Coach		Team Coach	
Team Manager		Team Managers	R.Telfer
Referee	E.Legrand		Peter Sander
Linesman	G.Roire	Squad List	Goalkeepers — W.Mitchell (Bundamba, Queensland)
Linesman	G.Viale		Fullbacks — E.Heath (Moreland, Vic.)
			D.Creedon (Y.M.C.A., Queensland)
			R.Hughes (Blackstone Rovers, Queensland)
			Half-backs — R.Coleman (Bundamba, Queensland)
			H.Brophy (c) (Corinthians, Queensland)
			A.Drennan (Sunshine United, Vic.)
			Forwards — G.Gladwyn (Eastern Suburbs, Brisbane, Queensland)
			R.Hassett (Y.M.C.A., Queensland)
			A.Hall (Thistle, Queensland)
			C.Sander (St.Helens, Queensland)
			M.Wild (Corinthians, Queensland)
			W.Grace (Port Adelaide, SA)

G.Gladwyn is also shown as G.Gladwin.

match report from La France Australe, 18/9/1950
Dimanche après midi 17 Septembre, le Vélodrome Georges Brunelet a connu l'assistance des grands jours. Près de 4000 personnes ont tenu en effet à assister à la premièrs grande rencontre qui opposait notre équipe représentative de foot-ball à un très fort team Australien. Et ce fut un véritable succès. Une organisation et un service d'ordre parfait out contribué largement à la réussite de cette belle journée qui restera marquée dans les annales du foot-ball Calédonien.
Monsieur Le Gouverneur Général empêché, s'était fait raprésenter par Monsieur Le Secrétaire Général. On a également remarqué la présence de Messieurs les Consuls de Grande Bretagne et d'Australie, de Monsieur le Maire et Madam Santot, ainsi que de M. Henri Bonneaud Président du Conseil Général et des diverses notabilités civiles et militaires.
Peu avant le match, les joueurs des deux teams sont littéralement mitraillés par une nuée de photographes.
Puis dans un défile impeccable, les deux équipes pénétrent sur le terrain et restent figées au garde à vous tandis que retentissent le "God save the king" et la "Marseillaise". M. G.Chatenay président de la L.C.F.A. présents M. Telfer le représentant des Australiens, aux personnalités officielles. Il conduit ensuite M. le Secrétaire général et M. le Maire sur le terrain pour leur présenter les joueurs.

Puis les deux équipes prennent leurs positions. Après quelques essais les deux capitaines Beurrier et Brophy se retronvent au milieu du terrain et font échange des traditionnels fanions et poignées de main.
Mais il est 15 h. 30 et voici que l'arbitre M. E. Legrand siffle le début du match.
Composition des équipes.
Australiens - Chemises vertes à chevrons or - marque "A", culottes blanches, bas verts et jaunes.
But : W.Mitchell; arrières : E.Heath (1) et R.Hughes (2); arrière central et capitaine de l'équipe; H.Brophy (4); Demis : R.Coleman (3) et A.Drennen (5); avants : W.Grace (6), R.Hasset (14), A.Hall (8), C.Sander (9) et M.Wild (10). Remplaçants : D.Creedon (13) et G.Gladwin (7).
Calédoniens - Maillots bleus à chevrons rouge, insigne Cagou, culottes blanches, bas rouges.
But : J.Van Soc (Olympique); arrières : M.Song (Olympique) et B.Tsutsui (Indépendante); arrière central R.Nicol (Indépendante); Demis : P.Iwami (CSM) et M.Barthélémy (Indépendante); avants : C.Dalmas (Olympique), R.Valette (Impassible), R.Kosack (Impassible), P.Beurrier capitaine (Indépendante) et A.Veau (Indépendante). Remplaçants : A.Nakagawa (PLGC) et G.Garin (PLGC).
Les juges de touche sont MM. G.Roire et G.Viale.
Le coup d'envoi est en faveur des Australiens, tandis que les Calédoniens jouent avec l'avantage du vent arrière. Nos visiteurs partent très rapidement et visitent les buts adverses. Deux descentes très dangereuses sont arrêtées et Van Soc déjà se met en vedette par de beaux arrêts. Après 5 minutes de jeu, un corner est accordé aux Australiens mais sans résultat. Un peu plus tard Van Soc se fait encore applaudir pour un arrêt splendide sur un coup franc tiré très sec. Les Calédoniens quelque peu malmenés jusque là se reprennent lentement. Notre ailier droit Dalmas manque plusieurs belles occasions de conclure. A la 16e minute après un corner en notre faveur, le portier anglais semble battu quand un de ses arrières arrive juste à temps pour sauver de la tête. Une minute plus tard corner encore pour les Calédoniens mais la défense sauve. Les Australiens repartent résolument à l'attaque et s'installent encore dans le camp calédonien. Mais là aussi la défense fait bonne garde et rien ne passe.
Le joueur australien Sander (9) doit quitter le terrain, à la suite d'un choc très violent avec notre demi Iwami, dans lequel il se fractura les cartilages du nez ce qui produisit une forte hémorragie. Il est remplacé par le joueur Gladwin (7).
Deux corners sont encore accordés à nos joueurs mais sans aucun résultat. La partie se poursuit rapide et la balle voyage d'un camp à l'autre. Cinq minutes avant le repos un nouveau corner est accordé aux Calédoniens. Très bien tiré par Iwami, il arrive sur les mains du gardien anglais qui dégage du poing, mais Barthélémy est là renvois fortement la balle qui détournée légèrement par Kosack, va se loger au fond des filets. C'est le but des Calédoniens. La foule encourage frénétiquement mais la mitemps arrive.
A la reprise, les Australiens bénéficient du vent. Ils en profitent pour attaquer sans cesse et Van Soc sera constamment en action. Notre gardien fait merveille et bien protégé par le trio Nicol, Tsutsui, Song, il sauve maintes situations dangereuses. Les Australiens font le forcing et veulent égaliser. A la 65e minute c'est au tour de Beurrier de quitter le terrain à la suite d'une foulure à la cheville. Il est remplacé par Nakagawa.
Mais le temps passe et bien que dominant le plus souvent, les Australiens ne parviennent pas à marquer. La fin approche et aucun fait important ne sera à signaler pendant les dernières minutes de jeu. Sons les acclamations d'une foule enthusiasts, M. Legrand donne alors le coup de sifflet final qui accorde à nos joueurs une victoire très brillante et très méritée.
Les Calédoniens qui ont pratiqué le jeu en W - M sont tous à féliciter pour leur tenue excellente en face de joueurs réputés et leur parfaite compréhension du jeu d'équipe. Ils font honneur aux dirigeants et sélectionneurs à qui nous présentons nos meilleurs souhaits pour les matches futurs. Parmi les meilleurs nous citerons tout d'abord et jusqu'à sou accident le capitains de l'equipe Beurrier, qui construisit l'attaque comme il sait si bien le faire. Viennent ensuite Nicol, Barthélémy et Van Soc car on peut dire qu'ils furent pour beaucoup dans la victoire de notre équipe. Nous adresserons également une mention spéciale aux autres joueurs pour leur ardeur et leur courage.
Du côté australien nous avons particulièrement remarqué le demi-centre et capitaine du team H.Brophy, de même que le goal Mitchell, l'ailier droit Grace et l'avant-centre Hall.
Pour terminer, félicitons chaudement la L.C.F.A., dirigeants et organisateurs pour l'organisation impeccable et disons à tous à demain pour la 2e rencontre.

A loose translation is:-

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 17, at the Velodrome Georges Brunelet, the great day was well supported. Nearly 4,000 people attended the first meeting that pitted our representative football team against a strong Australian team. And it was a success. The organization by the stewards largely contributed to the success of this beautiful day which will be remembered in the annals of Caledonian football.

The Governor General was absent, but was represented by the Secretary General. The honorable consuls of Great Britain and Australia, the Mayor and Madam Santot, and Mr. Henri Bonneaud President of the General Council and the various civil and military notables were also present.

Shortly before the game, players from both teams are literally bombarded by a swarm of photographers.

Then in impeccable lines, both teams enter the field and stand at attention to the resounds of "God Save the King" and the "Marseillaise." Mr. G.Chatenay, President of the L.C.F.A., presented Mr. Telfer, the Australian representative, to official figures. He then led the Secretary General and the Mayor onto the field to present their players.

Then the two teams take their positions. Eventually both captains, Beurrier and Brophy, meet at midfield and exchange the traditional pennants and handshakes.

But now it is 15 h. 30 and behold, the referee, Mr.E.Legrand, whistles the start of the match.

Team compositions.

Australians - Green Shirts with gold chevrons - and an "A" emblem, white shorts, green and yellow stockings.

goal: W.Mitchell; backs: E.Heath (1) and R.Hughes (2); central back and team captain; H.Brophy (4); Halves: R.Coleman (3) and A.Drennen (5); Forwards: W.Grace (6) R.Hasset (14) A.Hall (0) C.Sander (9) and M.Wild (10). Replacements: D.Creedon (13) and G.Gladwin (7).

Caledonians - blue jerseys with a red chevron and a Cagou badge, white shorts, red stockings. *(Note:- A Cagou is an endemic bird to New Caledonia.)*

Goal : J.Van Soc (Olympique); backs : M.Song (Olympique) and B.Tsutsui (Indépendante); central back : R.Nicol (Indépendante); Halves : P.Iwami (CSM) and M.Barthélémy (Indépendante); forwards : C.Dalmas (Olympique), R.Valette (Impassible), R.Kosack (Impassible), P.Beurrier capitain (Indépendante) and A.Veau (Indépendante). Replacements : A.Nakagawa (PLGC) and G.Garin (PLGC).

The linesmen are Messrs. G.Roire and G.Viale.

The kickoff is in favor of the Australians, while the Caledonians play with the advantage of a tailwind. Our visitors attack very quickly and visit the opposing goal. Two very dangerous raids are stopped with Van Soc already featuring with beautiful stops. After 5 minutes, a corner kick is awarded to the Australians but without result. Later Van Soc was cheered for a splendid stop from a free kick. The Caledonians, somewhat ruffled, were slow to resume. Our right winger Dalmas missed several good opportunities to finish off. At the 16th minute, after a corner in our favour, the English goalkeeper seems beaten but one of his backs saves with a header just in time. A minute later a corner again for the Caledonians but the defence saved. The Australians go resolutely to the attack and move into the Caledonian camp. But again the defence is strong and nothing happens.

The Australian player Sander (9) has to leave the field, the result of a very violent impact with our half Iwami in which he fractured cartilage of the nose which produced heavy bleeding. He was replaced by Gladwin (7).

Two corners are awarded to our players, but without result. Play continues quickly and the ball travels from one camp to another. Five minutes before the break another corner is awarded to the Caledonians. Well-taken by Iwami, it arrives on the hands of the English goalkeeper who clears with his fist, but Barthélémy returns the ball strongly and although it slightly diverted off Kosack, it settled at the bottom of the net. It is a goal to the Caledonians. The crowd frantically encourages halftime to happen.

On resumption, the Australians had the benefit of the wind. They took advantage of this to attack continually and Van Soc was constantly in action. Our caretaker did wonders and was well protected by the trio of Nicol, Tsutsui, and Song, who saved many dangerous situations. The Australians are putting on the pressure and want to equalize. In the 65th minute it was the turn of Beurrier to leave the pitch due to a sprained ankle. He was replaced by Nakagawa. However, time passes and although they are dominant, the Australians fail to score. The end is near and no important facts require reporting during the last minutes. To the sounds of cheers from the crowd of enthusiasts, Mr. Legrand gives the final whistle, which gives our players a very brilliant and very deserved victory.

The Caledonians who played a W - M game are to be commended for their excellent performance in front of famous players and their perfect understanding of team play. They are a credit to management and selectors to whom we extend our best wishes for future matches. Until his accident we cite team captain Beurrier among the best, he built the attack as only he knows. Then come Nicol, Barthélémy and Van Soc who were instrumental in the victory of our team. We also extend a special mention to the other players for their dedication and courage.

Of the Australian side we particularly noticed the center-half and captain of the team H.Brophy, Mitchell in goal, right winger Grace and center-forward Hall.

Finally, we warmly congratulate the L.C.F.A., leaders and organizers for the impeccable organization and hope to continue tomorrow for the second meeting.

W - M formation (3-2-2-3)

The 3-2-2-3 formation was popularized by Arsenal manager Herbert Chapman in 1925 when the offside rule was changed. Chapman countered the increased pressure on defence by putting an equal number of players on the offensive and defensive ends.

Three defenders (two fullbacks, one centre back) and two halfbacks make up the defensive end while two inside forwards, two wingers, and one striker make up the offense.

This 3-2-2-3 formation was more popularly called as the W-M formation because the defenders' arrangement on the field forms a "W" while the forwards form an "M."

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
19th. September 1950, 15.00	Vélodrome Georges Brunelet, Noumea, New Caledonia			4000

New Caledonia..2 v. Australian Association Xl..4

half time,

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
		START LIST											
	GK	J.Van Soc						GK	Wal.Mitchell				
	RB	M.Song						RB	Eric Heath				
	LB	B.Tsutsui				X		LB	Denis Creedon				
	RH	P.Iwami						RH	Ron Coleman				
	CH	R.Nicol						CH	Harry Brophy (c)				
	LH	M.Barthélémy						LH	Angus Drennan				
	OR	Veaux						OR	W.H.Grace				
	IR	R.Kosak						IR	Ron Hassett				
	CF	P.Baurrier						CF	Alf Hall				
	IL	R.Valette						IL	Ron Hughes	X, X, X			
	OL	R.Sakamouri						OL	Malcolm Wild				
		SUBSTITUTES											
		Félix Day				X							

Team Coach		Team Coach	
Team Manager		Team Managers	
Referee			
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from La France Australe, 22/9/1950

La sélection austalienne a pris sa revanche mardi dernier sur les Calédoniens.

Un public aussi nombreux que lors du premier match, c'est à dire environ 4000 personnes, s'était rendu mardi dernier 19 septembre au Vélodrome Georges Brunelet pour assister à la s'était rendu mardi dernier 19 septembre au Vélodrome Georges Brunelet pour assister à la deuxième des rencontres de football entre l'équipe de Nelle-Calédonie et celle de nos visiteurs australiens.

M. le Gouverneur Général et Madame Cournarie présidaient la réunion aux côtés de Monsieur le Sénateur Lafleur. Avant le coup d'envoi les deux équipes furent réunies devant les tribunes avec le cérémonial habituel et furent présentées à Monsieur le Gouverneur et à Monsieur le Sénateur.

Comme tout le monde s'y attendait la partie fut trés intéressants tant du côté des Calédoniens qui désiraient confirmer leur succès du dimanche précédent que chez les Australiens qui de leur côté, désiraient profiter des enseignements du premier match pour prendre une nette revanche.

Les équipes étaient ainsi composées :

Sélection australienne. But: Mitchell; arrières: Heath et Creedon; demis: Coleman, Brophy et Drennen; avants: Grace, Hassett, Hall, Hughes et Wild.

Nouvelle-Calédonie. But: Van Soc; arrières: Song et Tsutsui, (celui-ci remplacé ensuite par Félix Day); demis: Iwami, Nicol et Barthélémy; avants: Veaux, Kosak, Baurrier (puis Garin), Valette et Sakamouri.

Le score fut ouvert par les Calédoniens mais les Australiens réagirent égalisant 1 à 1; peu après sur erreur du goal australien un 2e but était marqué par les locaux laissant espérer une victoire mais les Australiens réagissant, organisèrent mieux leur jeu et marquèrent alors successivement 3 buts don't le dernier de très belle facture et c'est finalement par 4 à 2 que se termina la partie à l'avantage des visiteurs.

On a dit dans le public, à tort pensons-nous, que le jeu avait été par moments excessivement brutal; il n'en a peut ètre pas été ainsi, c'est plutôt un jeu très athlètique et vigoureux qui par moment a été pratiqué et nos joueurs désavantagés par la taille en ont souffert plus que leurs adversaires. Cette physionomie du jeu semble résulter de ce que au cours du premier match nos visiteurs ont pu remarquer que certaines interprétations des règles par nos joueurs sur le terrain étaient différentes des leurs et, pour le deuxième match, d'après eux, ils auraient essayé d'adopter les mêmes tactiques.

Quoiqu'il en soit le résultat ne fut pas heureux et il est à souhaiter que le match de samedi se déroule daus une atmosphère plus calme et plus régulière.

A loose translation is:-

An Australian selection took revenge last Tuesday on the Caledonians.

A public as numerous as in the first game, that is, about 4,000 people, went last Tuesday September 19 at the Velodrome Georges Brunelet to attend the second football matches between New Caledonia team and that of our Australian visitors.

The Governor General and Mrs. Cournarie attended the match alongside Mr. Senator Lafleur. Before the kick-off, both teams were brought together in front of the stands and after the usual ceremony were presented to the Governor and Mr. Senator.

As everyone had expected the game was very interesting with the Caledonia side eager to confirm their success of the previous Sunday. Meanwhile, the Australians wanted to gain revenge and show they had learnt lessons from the first game.

The teams were composed thus:

Australian selection. Goal: Mitchell; Defence: Heath and Creedom; halves: Coleman, Brophy and Drennen; forwards: Grace, Hassett, Hall, Hughes and Wild.

New Caledonia. Goal: Van Soc; Defence: Song and Tsutsui (he was later replaced by Félix Day); halves: Iwami, Nicol and Barthélémy; Forwards: Veaux, Kosak, Baurrier (then Garin), Valetta and Sakamouri.

The score was opened by the Caledonians but the Australians responded equalizing 1-1; shortly after an error at the Australian goal resulted in a second goal being scored by the locals, raising hopes of a victory but the Australians reacted, re-organizing their game and then scoring 3 goals in succession, the last being beautifully crafted, and the game ended 4-2 in favor of the visitors.

It has been said publicly, and we think wrongly, that the game had been excessively brutal at times; rather, it was a very athletic and vigorous game where at times our players suffered more than their opponents because of their size disadvantage. In the first match our visitors noted that some interpretations of the rules by our players was different to what they were used to, and so for the second game they tried to adopt the same tactics. The result was not pleasant and it is hoped that Saturday's game will be played in a quieter and calmer atmosphere.

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
23rd. September 1950, 15.15	Vélodrome Georges Brunelet, Noumea, New Caledonia			3000

New Caledonia..3 v. Australian Association Xl..1

half time,

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	J.Van Soc						GK	Wal.Mitchell				
	RB	M.Song						RB	Eric Heath				
	LB	B.Tsutsui						LB	Denis Creedon				
	RH	Dubois						RH	Ron Coleman				
	CH	R.Nicol						CH	Harry Brophy (c)				
	LH	M.Barthélémy						LH	Angus Drennan				
	OR	R.Sakamouri	X					OR	W.H.Grace				
	IR	R.Valette						IR	Alf Hall				
	CF	R.Kosak	75					CF	Ron Hughes				
	IL	Reuter						IL	Ron Hassett				
	OL	A.Nakagawa	26					OL	Malcolm Wild				

Team Coach		Team Coach	
Team Manager		Team Managers	
Referee	Victor Neugy		
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from La France Australe, 26/9/1950

L'equipe de Nouvelle-Calédonie gagne la belle des rencontres avec le team Australien.

C'est devant une assistance estimée à plus de 3000 spectateurs que s'est déroulée Samedi dernier au Vélodrome Georges Brunelet, la belle des rencontres qui opposait notre équipe représentative de foot-ball à un team australien. Monsieur le Gouverneur Général honorait de sa présence cette balle réunion sportive à laquelle assistaient également M. le Sénateur Henri Lafleur, de même que les notabilités civiles et militaires.

A 15 h 15 précises M. Victor Neugy appelle sous ses ordres, les deux équipes, qui a présentent dans la formation suivante :

Australie: But: Mitchell; Arrières: Heath and Creedon; Demis: Coleman, Brophy and Drennen; Avants: Grace, Hall, Hughes, Hassett and Wild.

Nelle-Calédonie: But: Van Soc; Arrières: Song et Tsutsui; Demis: Dubois, Nicol et Barthélémy; Avants: R.Sakamouri, Valette, Kosack, Reuter et Nakagawa.

En première mi-temps les Australiens jouent avec l'avantage d'un vent assez fort. Ils menacent sérieusement les bois de Van Soc; ce dernier, dans une forme splendide, bloque toutes les attaques adverses et se défend comme un lion. Plusieurs corners accordés aux Australiens ne donneront aucua résultat. Les Calédoniens qui étaient partis assez lentement se reprennent peu à peu et jouent beaucoup plus vite à présent. A leur tour, ils vont s'installer pendant plusieurs minutes dans le camp adverse. A la 26e minute de jeu, sur une descente amorcée par les tricolores, l'si ier droit Sakamouri, centre, surprend le goal qui laisse échapper la balle et Nakagawa l'expédie au fond des filets. Quelques minutes plus tard, un dégagement du goal anglais est intercepté par Kosack qui passe à Sakamouri et ce dernier seul devant la cage vide de Mitchell tire en force et manque le 2e but des Calédoniens. Les Australiens quelque peu surpris se ressaisissent bien vite et vont encore inquiéter Van Soc qui fait toujours merveille. Notre goal devra cependant concéder son unique but, peu ralenti et les Calédoniens veulent conserver leur avantage. Les Australiens au contraire s'emploient à fond pour tenter de combler leur retard mais ce sera sans succès car notre défense fait bonne garde; sous la conduite de Nicol, Song et Tsutsui, Van Soc est admirablement protégé et ne laisse rien passer. A 15 minutes de la fin, l'avant-centre Kossack apporte un troisième et dernier but à notre avantage en trompant Mitchell par un tir très sec des 25 metres. Les Australiens sont battus et ne réagissent que faiblement, d'autant plus que leur demi-centre et capitaine Herbert Brophy qui s'était blessé peu après la reprise est pratiquement inexistant pour eux. Les Calédoniens qui sentent la fin et la victoire vont encore de l'avant mais soudain M. Neugy don't l'arbitrage fut parfait arrête cette partie splendide par son coup de sifflet final.

Nos représentants ont fourni une partie excellente et sans doute le meilleure des trois. Le jeu fut bien construit et nos avants surent profiter de toutes les occasions offertes. Tous les joueurs, de même que les sélectionneurs et entraineurs sont à féliciter pour la bonne cohesion et l'excellent jeu d'équipe qui fut pratiqué.

Quant aux Australiens ils nous ont déçus et l'on attendait certainement une bien meilleure exhibition de leur team qui fournit la plus mauvaise des trois rencontres. Mais ne leur en faisons pas grief et souhaitons leur plus de chance pour la quatrième et dernière rencontre qui doit avoir lieu cet après-midi au Vélodrome.

A loose translation is:-

Team from New Caledonia wins the beautiful meeting with the Australian team.

In front of an estimated audience of more than 3,000 spectators that took place last Saturday at the Velodrome Georges Brunelet, there was a lovely meeting that pitted our representative team of foot-ballers and an Australian team. The Governor General honored the sporting event with his presence, which was also attended by Senator Henry Lafleur, as well as civil and military notables.

At 15 h 15 pecisely Victor Neugy calls together the two teams, who have the following formations:

Australia: Goal: Mitchell; Defence: Heath and Creedon; Halves: Coleman, Brophy and Drennen; Forwards: Grace, Hall, Hughes, Hassett and Wild.

New Caledonia: Goal: Van Soc; Defence: Song and Tsutsui; Halves: Dubois, Nicol and Barthélémy; Forwards: R.Sakamouri, Valette, Kosack, Reuter and Nakagawa.

In the first half the Australians play with the advantage of a strong wind. They seriously threaten Van Soc's woodwork; the latter is splendid and blocks all enemy attacks and defends like a lion. Several corners are awarded to the Australians but do not yield results. The Caledonians who started quite slowly are gradually playing faster now, and as a result, they occupy the opposite camp for several minutes. In the 26th minute, from an attack initiated by the tricolor, Sakamouri on the right, centres, which surprised the goalkeeper and Nakagawa dislodged the ball and sent it into the net.

A few minutes later, a clearance from the English goal is intercepted by Kosack and passing to Sakamouri, who was alone in front of an empty cage and scores the second goal of the Caledonians.

The Australians are somewhat surprised but pull themselves together quickly and manage to worry Van Soc enough to concede his only goal. The Caledonians do not slow down and want to maintain their advantage. The Australians instead are working from behind in an attempt to catch up but will be without success because our defence is solid; led by Nicol, Song and Tsutsui, Van Soc is beautifully protected and lets nothing by. 15 minutes from the end, the centre forward Kossack brings a third and final goal to our advantage by deceiving Mitchell with a neat dry shot from 25 meters. The Australians fought and responded only partially, especially after their centre-half and captain Herbert Brophy was injured who, although he continued, was virtually non-existent for them. The Caledonians could feel the end and victory but still go ahead, suddenly Mr.Neugy decided it was the perfect time to stop this beautiful play with the final whistle.

Our representatives had provided an excellent game and probably the best of the three. The game was well constructed and our forwards were able to take advantage of all available opportunities. All players, as well as coaches and trainers are to be commended for the good cohesion and excellent team game which was practiced.

As for the Australians they have disappointed us and we certainly expected a much better display of their team that provided the worst of the three meetings. But wish them more luck for the fourth and final meeting to be held this afternoon at the Velodrome.

Date & Time	*Venue*	*Weather*	*Temperature*	*Attendance*
26th. September 1950,	*Vélodrome Georges Brunelet, Noumea, New Caledonia*			

New Caledonia..2 v. Australian Association Xl..3

half time,

No.	*Position*	*Name*	*Goal (minute)*	*Retired Injured*	*Sent Off*	*Substituted (minute)*	*No.*	*Position*	*Name*	*Goal (minute)*	*Retired Injured*	*Sent Off*	*Substituted (minute)*
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Team Coach		*Team Coach*	
Team Manager		*Team Managers*	
Referee			
Linesman			
Linesman			

article from La France Australe, 27/9/1950
Le séjour des Footballeurs Australiens.
Au moment ou nos visiteurs australiens sont sur le point de nous quitter, il convient de féliciter la LCFA sur la réussite totale de cette tournée sportive et sur l'organisation du séjour de l'équipe.
Depuis leur arrivée le dimanche 10 septembre nos visiteurs en dehors des quatre matches qu'ils ont joués ont été les invités de la LCFA qui dès le soir de leur arrivée organise à l'Hôtel Central un champagne d'honneur pour les présenter aux dirigeants des clubs et à ceux de la Ligne, aux joueurs sélectionnés et à la presse.
Le lundi 11 septembre avaient lieu les visites officielles au Maire de Nouméa et aux Consuls de Grande-Bretagne et d'Australie.
Le jeudi 14 septembre était organisé par les clubs nouméens chez Hickson un vin d'honneur qui réunissait aux côtés des Australiens les joueurs et joueuses de chaque club.
Dimanche 17 septembre à l'issue du premier match eut lieu uns sauterie au Club de l'Indépendante mis gracieusement à la disposition de la LCFA par cette société sportive.
Jeudi 21 septembre eut lieu une partie de pêche du côté de la Pointe Mà sous la direction compétente de M. E. Castex, nos visiteurs revenant le soir avec plus de 300 poissons, le recordman étant Creedon avec 28 poissons.
Vendredi 22 septembre visite des Usines de la Société "Le Nickel" et après diner soirée de la Société des Etudes Mélanésiennes.
Lundi promenade à la Foa avec visite de la Tribu de Couli sous la direction du Chef Théodore et excursion jusqu'au sommet du Col d'Amien. Au retour le repas calédonien traditionnel, copieux et délicieux chez l'Ami Banu qui n'avait pas failli à sa renommée.
Hier soir enfin avait lieu à l'Hôtel du Pacifique le Banquet d'Adieu qui réunissait les joueurs des deux équipes avec les dirigeants de la Ligue et quelques sportifs. Entre temps les footballeurs australiens ont eu le temps de faire connaissance avec Francine Claudel, et avec les Cinémas de Nouméa qui leur ouvraient gracieusement leurs portes.
M. Telfer nous a priés avant son départ d'être son interprète pour exprimer à tous les sportifs calédoniens son appréciation des efforts qui ont été faits pour rendre leur séjour agréable et nous a donné la certitude qu'aucun de ses joueurs n'oublierait l'agréable séjour qu'ils viennent de faire en Nouvelle Calédonie.
A notre tour nous souhaitons un "Au revoir" à nos visiteurs qui ont su se faire apprécier à Nouméa et qui demain matin doivent s'embarquer par Air France à la Tontouta.

A loose translation is:-
The stay of the Australian footballers.
At the time when our Australian visitors are about to leave us, the LCFA should be congratulated on the complete success of this sporting tour and the organization of the stay of the team.
Following their arrival on Sunday September 10 our visitors, apart from the four matches they played, were guests of the LCFA who from the night of their arrival at the Hotel Central, organized champagne to honor and present them to the line of leaders of clubs, selected players and the press.
Monday, September 11 they had official visits with the Mayor of Noumea and the Consuls of Great Britain and Australia.
Thursday, September 14 was a wine reception organised by the Noumean clubs and Hickson which brought together the Australian players and players of each club.
Sunday, September 17, after the first match, a dance was held at the Club Indépendante which was graciously made available to the LCFA by this sports society.
Thursday, September 21 a fishing trip took place to Pointe Mà lead by the capable Mr. E.Castex with our visitors returning in the evening with more than 300 fish, the largest catch being 28 fish by Creedon.
Friday, September 22, a visit to "The Nickel Company" mills and after dinner, an evening with the Society of Melanesian Studies.
Monday, a walk to Foa for a visit with the Couli tribe led by chief Théodore, followed by an excursion to the top of Col d'Amien. On their return there was a rich and delicious traditional Caledonian meal at the Ami Banu which lived up to its reputation.
Last night at the Hôtel du Pacifique the farewell banquet took place which brought together the players of the two teams, the leadership of the League and some athletes. Meanwhile the Australian footballers had time to meet Francine Claudel *(a Belgian actress and singer)* , and the Cinémas de Nouméa graciously opened their doors.
Mr. Telfer asked us, before his departure, to be his interpreter to express to all Caledonian sportsmen his appreciation of the efforts that had been made to make their stay pleasant and gave us the certainty that none of his players would forget the pleasant stay they have just had in New Caledonia.
In turn we wished a "Goodbye" to our visitors who were able to make themselves appreciated in Noumea, and tomorrow morning will embark Air France at Tontouta.

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reference made to Harry Hethrington's "History of Soccer in Northern NSW" volume 6, page 110

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
9th May 1951	Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales			

New South Wales..4 v. Australian Xl..3

half time, New South Wales..2 v. Australian Xl..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Lord						GK	Norman Conquest				
	RB	Cliff Almond						RB	Ralph Heath				
	LB	Douglas Wendt						LB	Kevin O'Neill				
	RH	Robert "Choc" Bignall (c)						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)	X			
	CH	Robert Madden						CH	Tom Jack	X(og)			
	LH	Eric "Mick" Duff						LH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	OR	Eric Hulme						OR	Joe Wilson				
	IR	George Russell	X					IR	Allan Johns	X			
	CF	Reg Date						CF	Gordon Nunn	X			
	IL	Alexander "Sonja" Heaney	X, 64					IL	Frank Parsons				
	OL	Ray Marshall						OL	David Pitcairn				

Team Trainer	W.Campbell	Team Coach	
Team Manager	Sid Grant	Team Manager	
Referee	J.McKenzie		
Linesman			
Linesman			

Robert Bignall is often shown as Robert Bignell.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 10/5/1951, page 7 www.trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/18217179
Yesterday's trial featured some good football; but lack of combination spoiled the game as a spectacle.
The Australian team began well and was two goals up after 38 minutes.
New South Wales then began to take advantage of the following wind and sun, and equalised within five minutes.
Nunn seemed certain to add to the score when he banged two drives hard at Lord in the 11th and 12th minutes of the second half.
Heaney scored his second goal in the 19th minute, and made another for New South Wales 12 minutes later.
Johns, who lifted his game in the second half, repeatedly bombarded the New South Wales goal.
But he failed to pass Lord until shortly before full time, to produce the final score.
N.S.W., 4 (A.Heaney 2, G.Russell, T.Jack through own goal), beat an Australian Eleven, 3 (G.Nunn, R.Lawrie, A.Johns).

match report from The Sun, 9/5/1951, page 12 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/230756941/24912053

NSW, down 2-0 early in the first half, led an Australian XI 3-2 late in the second half of the Soccer match at the Sports Ground today.
Australia opened the scoring, minutes after the start, when its captain Bob Lawrie scored from 15 yards out.
Australia was running into a strong westerly, but territorially they held an advantage in the first 10 minutes.
English migrant Joe Wilson, playing his first major game in Australia, was outstanding on the right wing.
Date figured in two prominent movements.
He trapped the ball about 20 yards, turned and hooked to the centre-forward, but Heaney and Marshall were caught out of position.
Date, awarded a free kick, when an Australian player handled, just missed the top of the net with a poerful kick.
Russell kicked into the net for NSW, but it was not a goal, as a player was off-side.
Lord was given a free kick in the goalmouth when he was illegally tackled by Johns.
The NSW team was making every effort to score.
Players on both sides appeared to be going for individual effort, instead of teamwork, in an effort to shine and catch the eye of the Australian and NSW selectors watching the game.
Australia increased its lead when Queensland Test forward Gordon Nunn scored a fine goal.
Nunn came down the centre, picking up a loose ball, and his shot for goal was never off the line.
Australian XI 2, NSW nil.
NSW scored in the next minute.
Sands kicked from the wing and the ball hit the upright and rebounded into play.
While players were "searching" for the ball Heaney scored.
Australian XI 2, NSW 1.
Russell, coming through from the inside-right position, was presented with a gift goal minutes before half-time.
Half-time Scores:- Australian XI 2, NSW 2.
Nunn had two shots at goal early in the second half.
Parsons was penalised for back charging and NSW was given a free kick when the Australian XI looked dangerous.
Australia, running with the assistance of a strong breeze, had the better of play in the first 15 minutes of the second half.
Nunn had another shot at goal and NSW had to concede a corner to save.
Nunn was playing brilliantly.
NSW took the lead when Heaney scored his second.
The ball came down the centre from Bignall and Heaney, anticipating the move, scored a fine goal.
NSW 3, Australian XI 2.
The crowd hooted when Bignall was penalised.
Bignall's tactics appeared fair, but the referee awarded a free kick to Australia.
NSW scored again when a shot at goal from Sands hit Australian centre-half Tom Jack and rolled into the net.
NSW 4, Australian XI 2.
Johns, after many unlucky attempts, was rewarded with a goal. He came through from the right position and made no mistakes with a low drive.
NSW 4 (A.Heaney 2, G.Russell, T.Jack through own goal) beat Australian XI 3 (G.Nunn, A.Johns, B.Lawrie) at Sports Ground.

reference made to Harry Hethrington's "History of Soccer in Northern NSW" volume 6, page 110

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
19th May 1951, 13.50	Royal Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales (Sydney Showground)			42150

The Rest..1 v. Australian XI..5

half time, The Rest..0 v. Australian XI..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Bill Mahoney						GK	Norman Conquest				
	RB	Len Stedman						RB	Eric Heath				
	LB	Douglas Wendt						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	Cec. Callaghan						RH	Robert Lawrie				
	CH	Tom Jack	X(pk)					CH	Alec Purdon				
	LH	Lex Gibb						LH	Eric "Mick" Duff				
	OR	Sam North						OR	Frank Sands				
	IR	Colin Johnson						IR	Phil Peters	X, X			
	CF	Doug Harvey						CF	Gordon Nunn	X			
	IL	Max Walker						IL	Malcolm Wild	X, X			
	OL	Tom Willoughby						OL	Harry Robertson				

Team Trainer		Team Coach	
Team Manager	J.Morris	Team Manager	
Referee	H.McLeod		
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from The Sunday Herald, 20/5/1951, page 6S http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/18487509

This game was the first game in a double-header, the main game being New South Wales v. England F.A. XI. From the match report of the main game it stated:-

Start of the early match, in which an Australian XI beat The Rest, 5-1, was delayed 20 minutes because some players were late.

Australian XI 5 (G.Nunn 2, P.Peters 2, M.Wyld) beat The Rest 1 (T.Jack).

match report from The Sun, 19/5/1951, page 6 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/230758236

Late arrival of three players delayed the start of the Australian XI - The Rest Soccer match 20 minutes at the Showground today.

The players were Conquest, Drummond and Mahoney. The Rest won the match 5-1, but play was shortened by 25 minutes because of the mix up.

The game was not a true test for players.

Those who were at the ground on time were unnerved by the long wait for the three players.

Queenslanders Malcolm Wyld and Gordon Nunn scored for The Australian XI in the first half to give them a lead of 2-nil at half-time.

Cessnock forward Phil Peters scored one minute after half-time to give the Australian XI a lead of 3-nil, and he later scored his second goal four minutes from the end.

The Rest score came from a penalty goal kicked by Tom Jack, now a leading Victorian player.

Wyld scored his second goal for Australia seven minutes from the end.

Australian XI 5 (P.Peters 2, M.Wyld 2, G.Nunn) beat The Rest 1 (T.Jack)

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
26th. May 1951, 14.30	Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales			46104

Australia..1 v. England F.A.Xl..4

half time, Australia..1 v. England F.A.Xl..3

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Norman Conquest						GK	Sam Bartram				
	RB	Kevin O'Neill						RB	Harry Bamford				
	LB	Cecil Drummond						LB	Frank Lock				
	RH	Robert Lawrie (c)						RH	Joe Shaw				
	CH	Tom Jack (vice c.)						CH	Reg Flewin (c)				
	LH	Eric "Mick" Duff						LH	Len Kieran				
	OR	Ernest "Dick" Kemp						OR	Gordon Hurst	X			
	IR	George Russell						IR	Jack Sewell	3, 15			
	CF	Frank Parsons	42					CF	Ike Clarke	23			
	IL	Malcolm Wild						IL	Jim Hagan				
	OL	Harry Robertson						OL	Bobby Langton				

Team Coach		Team Trainer	Bob Shotton
Team Manager	Stan Jones	Team Managers	Frank Adams
Referee	Ron Wright (Wales)		Dave Wiseman
Linesman		Squad List	Goalkeepers
Linesman			
			Fullbacks
			Half-backs
			Forwards

S.Bartram (Charlton Athletic)
E.Burgin (Sheffield United)
H.Bamford (Bristol Rovers)
F.Lock (Charlton Athletic)
J.McCue (Stoke City)
J.Shaw (Sheffield United)
R.Flewin (c) (Portsmouth)
L.Kieran (Tranmere Rovers)
S.Owen (Luton Town)
D.Parker (West Ham United)
G.Hurst (Charlton Athletic)
J.Sewell (Sheffield Wednesday)
I.Clarke (Portsmouth)
J.Hagan (Sheffield United)
F.Broome (Notts.County)
R.Langton (Bolton Wanderers)
H.Webster (Bolton Wanderers)
W.Smith (Birmingham City)

match report from The Sun, 27/5/1951, page 20 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/230761880/24912545

England coasted to a 4-1 victory over Australia in the first Soccer Test at Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday in a match which made up in vigor what it lacked in technical brilliance.

The crowd of 46,104 (who paid £7,501 for admission) were enthralled with much spectacular incident, including two English nettings ruled offside, exciting scrimmages in the goalmouth, three Englishmen temporarily "outed" and good measure of football artistry.

While playing hard, bustling Soccer, Australia revealed too much inaccuracy in passing and kicking against the precision pattern football of the Englishmen.

"Kick and rush" tactics - a feature of Australian Soccer - unsettled the English side.

England's captain Reg Flewin said, "Australia's enthusiasm stopped us playing our best football."

In view of England's protests earlier in the week against excessive use of the muddy ground, it was ironic that the ground should roll out hard as a board.

This gave exceptional liveliness to the Australian choice laced ball.

In the second Test, the laceless English ball will be used.

Brilliant work of England's five forwards and of Australia's left-back Cec Drummond, featured the match.

Against an international forward line that could scarcely be bettered anywhere, Drummond played possibly the finest game of his career.

Time and again he saved Australia.

Drummond was undaunted by the wizardry of Jack Sewell, the footwork of Jimmy Hagen, the tactical brilliance of Ike Clarke, the elusiveness of Bobby Langton or the fleetness of Gordon Hurst.

His left-foot kicking and the sliding tackle, at which he is adept, were worthy of the highest flight of international Soccer.

The game was held up three times. England's left-back Frank Lock and outside right Hurst were injured and Flewin, early in the second half, dropped as if poleaxed when accidentally kicked on the right temple by Parsons.

Failure in co-ordination destroyed many promising Australian movements.

Australia's captain Queenslander Bob Lawrie said afterwards he was pleased with the team's performance "considering they had had only two days together for practice."

England led 3-1 at half-time and added the fourth goal halfway through the second half.

The first goal, four minutes after the start, contained the elements of high drama.

England's outside-left Langton, after a characteristic piece of tricky dribbling centred chest-high to Sewell, within 10 yards of the goal-mouth.

Sewell did not get a clear kick at it, but the ball bounced into the arms of Australian goalkeeper Norman Conquest, and out again, on the goal-line.

To many spectators it appeared that Drummond had put the ball into the goal.

But referee Ron Wright, Sewell and Drummond himself said later that the ball was a yard over the line before Drummond kicked.

The goal was officially credited to Sewell.

Conquest, in the early stages, was uncertain but later he made several brilliant saves.

Rule against charging the goalkeeper was applied when a free kick was awarded against Australia's centre-forward Frank Parsons for an attempt to floor Sam Bartram, England's goalkeeper.

Parsons had taken the place in the side at the last minute of young Queensland centre-forward Gordon Nunn who withdrew because of a poisoned leg.

The referee ruled offside a slashing goal by Clarke from a perfect pass by Langton.

Three minutes later a splendid right-wing run by Hurst, who frequently outpaced the left-wing half Eric Duff, ended in a scramble near goal, from which Sewell netted with deadly certainty.

In another three minutes came the second rejected goal, by Sewell, again from a Langton centre. Australian players said the ball hit Sewell's arm before dropping to his feet.

England's third goal was masterly.

Parsons handled in midfield and Flewin took the free kick, a beautifully-judged 40 yards lift to Sewell's feet.

Before the Australian defence realised the danger, Sewell flicked a pass to Clarke and the ball went like a bullet between the posts.

England's final goal was the result of a right and left wing combination.

Hagan and Langton, on the left, were blocked, so Langton swung the ball to Hurst, who scored.

From that stage the game deteriorated in pattern play and some English kicking became loose.

English co-manager Frank Adams said after the match, "Apparently the boys decided to take it easy when they had the three goals lead."

England 4 (J.Sewell 2, G.Hurst, I.Clarke) beat Australia 1 (F.Parsons).

match report from The Sunday Herald, 27/5/1951, page 6S http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/18492020/1047778

England won the first Soccer Test by four goals to one at the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday, but its players were not pleased with their display.

Most of them said that their showing was far below English standards. They attributed their general slump in form to the hard ground and the lively ball.

The 46,104 spectators paid £7,501 for admittance.

The attendance was 96 short of the Test record set at the S.C.G. in 1937 for the opening Test against the English amateurs.

The Englishmen provided a classy exhibition for the first 23 minutes, when they practically ensured a win by scoring three goals.

Australia's only goal was scored by a late replacement, Frank Parsons, three minutes before half-time.

Parsons was put in the team half an hour before the start, when the selected centre-forward, Queenslander Gordon Nunn, was withdrawn.

Australian Soccer officials de-cided to stand Nunn down from the Test at 2 p.m. because of a swollen groin and boils on his right thigh.

Nunn went to hospital for treatment last night. He will fly back to Queensland to-day and will seek further medical attention.

He said that the injuries may have been aggravated during massage.

Parsons's shot was a gem. He snapped up a high ball which bad been miskicked by a defender and hooked it into the comer of the net with his left foot.

Twice Parsons was hooted by the crowd; once in the ninth minute for his fierce charging of keeper Sam Bartram, and again shortly after the resumption when he accidentally kicked English captain Reg Flewin on the temple.

The Englishmen said their all-round game was not up to English standards.

Typical of the comments was that of Jack Sewell.

"The hard ground and the bad ball prevented us from playing as well as we can."

"If the local people want us to play the game properly we must have the right type of ball," he said.

Co-manager Mr. D.Wiseman said: "Our lads could not control the ball. It is too light."

"Wait until the second Test when the true English-made ball will be used."

Australian captain Bob Lawrie's comment was: "I was pleased with our display. I think that our men combined well considering the short time they had to train together."

There was some doubt about who scored England's first goal, which came three minutes after the kick-off.

Bob Langton took a free kick near the touchline and centred the ball to Sewell in the goal-mouth.

Sewell and keeper Norm Conquest went up together for the ball.

Sewell tapped it toward the goal and Conquest fumbled.

Left-back Cec Drummond, in an attempt to clear, raced in and kicked the ball as it rolled along the goal-line. The ball swung into the net.

Referee Ron Wright said the ball had crossed the line when Drummond kicked. He awarded the goal to Sewell.

Sewell figured in each of England's first-half goals.

He gave Conquest no chance with a line shot in the 15th minute and his accurate pass enabled centre-forward Ike Clarke to score eight minutes later.

English forwards banged the ball past Conquest on two other occasions in the first 20 minutes, but Wright disallowed the goals because of breaches.

At times play was a little rough. Two tourists were knocked out and another (Clarke) dazed in collisions with local players.

Flewin was knocked out'when kicked by Parsons and Frank Lock lay unconscious after a head-on collision with Dick Kemp.

Easily the best player for Australia was the surprise selection Cec Drummond. Drummond's tackling and cover defence unsteadied the right wing forwards.

Right-half Lawrie did a good job in breaking up the left-wing combination of Langton and Jim Hagan.

For England, Harry Bamford, Reg Flewin, Langton, Hurst, and Sewell were outstanding.

England, 4 (J. Sewell 2, I. Clarke, G. Hurst), beat Australia, 1 (F. Parsons).

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
11th. June 1951, 14.45	Richmond Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Victoria			29000

Australian Xl..1 v. England F.A.Xl..6

half time, Australian Xl..0 v. England F.A.Xl..3

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Lord						GK	Edward Burgin				
	RB	Eric Heath						RB	Harry Bamford				
	LB	Cecil Drummond						LB	John McCue				
	RH	Robert Lawrie (c)						RH	Joe Shaw				
	CH	Tom Jack						CH	Reg Flewin (c)				
	LH	Eric "Mick" Duff						LH	Len Kieran				
	OR	Joe Wilson						OR	Gordon Hurst				
	IR	George Russell						IR	Jack Sewell	17, X			
	CF	Gordon "Bunny" Nunn						CF	Ike Clarke	X, X, X			
	IL	Alexander "Sonja" Heaney						IL	William Smith	7			
	OL	Ross McKenzie	49					OL	Robert Langton				

Team Coach		Team Trainer	Bob Shotton
Team Manager		Team Managers	Frank Adams
Referee	H.Gaskell		Dave Wiseman
Linesman			
Linesman			

The report of the game by The Sydney Morning Herald gives the goal for Australia as being an own-goal by R.Flewin
Ross McKenzie (Brighton, Victoria) is also shown as J.McKenzie.

match report from The Argus, 12/6/1951, page 10 http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/23068144

England completed a brilliant Melbourne treble by trouncing an Australian soccer Xl 6-1 at Richmond Cricket-ground yesterday.
Australia's goal was the only point scored against the Englishmen during their Melbourne visit.
They defeated Victoria 5-0 and 7-0, but yesterday Brighton star, J.Mackenzie, slammed the ball past keeper Burgin four minutes after the start of the second half.
Another Victorian, Tom Jack, played the game of his career, to be the outstanding Australian on the field.
The Australian team could play only as well as the Englishmen let them, but they put up a creditable performance against over-whelming odds.
Mackenzie thrilled the crowd in the first four minutes, when he raced down the left wing, but his shot went wide.
England's first goal came just three minutes later, when Smith shot a hard, low drive for goal, and Australian captain, Lawrie, deflected it into the net.
Jack Sewell brought up England's second goal 10 minutes later, when from a scrimmage in front of goal he flashed a quick flick shot past the Australian goalie.
England continued to attack, and just before half-time Hurst centred to Clarke, who gave England a 3-0 lead.
Mackenzie boosted Australian hopes when, four minutes after the interval, he dashed through the field and netted a forceful left-footed drive.
But England, determined to settle the issue, bombarded the Australian defence, to score two more goals in five minutes. The first was by Clarke after a pass from Hurst, and the second when Sewell, after a 40-yard solo dash, scored with a 20 yards pile driver.
Immediately afterwards Sewell took the ball right to the goalmouth, then unselfishly back passed to an unmarked Clarke, who tapped it into the net.
Scores:
England, 6 (Clarke 3. Sewell 2. Smith 1) d. Australia, 1 (Mackenzie),

match report from The Age, 12/6/1951, page 12 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/209829158/19614687

The English' soccer football team continued its victorious run by defeating Australia in a spectacular game by six goals to one at Richmond Oval yesterday.

A crowd of 25,000, which paid £3600, saw a game full of incident, clever footwork and passing, in which the English players excelled.

The Australian side, however, played a hard and talented game and there was not the difference between the teams that the scoring margin might indicate.

The match began at a fast pace with Australia first to get going with a run down the touch line by McKenzie. But when inside the penalty box he drove the ball over the bar.

England's first goal came from a shot by W.Smith.

Rain, after 20 minutes' play, made the ground and the ball slippery.

R.Lord, who was playing a great game for Australia, made a scintillating save from a hard drive by Clarke.

England's second goal came from a movement by Hurst to Clarke to Sewell, who sent the ball into the net.

Australia's defence was hard put to it to keep England out and Clarke, after receiving a pass from Sewell, scored the visitors' third goal.

At half-time England led 3-0.

Three minutes after the start of the second half Clarke tallied England's fourth goal from a pass by Hurst.

Sewell quickly added another from crowded play at the goalmouth.

Australia fought back and rushes down the field had England on the defensive.

It was from one of these fine moves that McKenzie scored a brilliant goal for Australia.

From then on it was even play, the territorial advantage seesawing in tense play.

Within four minutes of full time Sewell ran 40 yards with the ball and passed to Clarke who banged in an easy sixth goal for England to close the scoring.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
23rd. June 1951,	Adelaide Oval, Adelaide, South Australia	Rain, muddy pitch		14000

Australian XI..1 v. England F.A.XI..13

half time, Australian XI..0 v. England F.A.XI..5

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Norman Conquest						GK	Edward Burgin				
	RB	Gordon Combe						RB	Harry Bamford				
	LB	Cecil Drummond (c)						LB	John McCue				
	RH	Mario Busidoni						RH	Joe Shaw				
	CH	Hedley Parkes						CH	Syd Owen				
	LH	Kevin O'Neill						LH	Len Kieran				
	OR	"Jock" Hodge						OR	Frank Broome	X, X			
	IR	Eric Hulme						IR	Jack Sewell	X, X, X, X			
	CF	Gordon Nunn						CF	Ike Clarke	35, X, X			
	IL	Malcolm Wild		X				IL	Jim Hagan	X, X, X			
	OL	Ross McKenzie	X					OL	Robert Langton	X			
SUBSTITUTES													
		J.Freckleton				X							

Team Coach		Team Trainer	Bob Shotton
Team Manager		Team Managers	Frank Adams
Referee	J.Harvey		Dave Wiseman
Linesman			
Linesman			

The Sydney Morning Herald reports that the scorers for England were Clarke (4), Hagan (4), Broome (2), Sewell (2), and Langton (1).
The Mail (Adelaide), 23/6/1951, page 1(S) reported that the English scorers were Sewell (5), Hagan (3), Broome(2), Clarke (2), Langton (1).

The Advertiser, 25/6/1951, page 7 http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/45712204

Fourteen thousand spectators saw the visiting English soccer team give a classic display at Adelaide Oval on Saturday to beat Australia by 13 goals to 1 - the highest score ever recorded against an Australian XI.

The visitors, more accustomed to playing on sodden grounds than the Australians, revelled in the muddy conditions.

Nevertheless, the opening exchanges indicated that Australia would resist strongly, and it took England 35 min. to penetrate the Australian defence.

Broome, speedy on the right wing, finished off a grand solo run by transferring to Clarke who gave Conquest in the Australian goal no chance with his snap shot.

Conquest often saved his side on many occasions with clever anticipation.

The English centre-forward (Clarke) added a second goal from close range with the Australian defence out of position.

Wild, Australia's inside left, received a knock and retired, his place being taken by Freckleton, a South Australian.

Broome swept through the Australian defence, passing accurately to Sewell who scored.

Australia's outstanding player at this stage apart from Conquest, was Hulme (inside right). He was continually on the move and tried hard to get his other forwards in motion, but the covering tactics of the English defence nullified his efforts.

Hagan, inside left for England, treating the spectators to as clever a display of footwork as has ever been seen in Adelaide, added two quick goals to give England a five-goal lead at the interval.

Early in the second half Sewell and Hagan scored for England.

McKenzie on the Australian left wing, was prominent at this stage and tested Burgin with a good shot.

After Conquest had come out to smother several good efforts from Langton, Sewell and Hagan, Drummond, the Australian captain, made a goal-line clearance, with Conquest lying on the ground.

The English pressure continued and Clarke scored its eighth goal.

O'Neill, Australia's best half-back, forced the pace on the left wing and Australia came more into the picture.

McKenzie (outside left) and Freckleton were working better together than at any other stage of the game, and McKenzie slipped the ball past Burgin for Australia's only goal.

McKenzie shortly afterwards sent an inviting ball across the English goalmouth. All that was needed was a gentle tap into the net but the opportunity was missed.

Langton and Broome scored quickly to give England a 10-goal lead.

Running the Australian defence off its feet it added three more before the final whistle.

Burgin in the English goal was seldom tested but dealt confidently with the few shots that came his way.

McCue was the better of two good full-backs, and all half-backs played well, with Shaw a little better than the others.

All forwards were good, with Broome brilliant in the opening stages and Langton the cleverest ball player on the field.

For Australia, Conquest was the hero and received a great ovation when the game finished.

Drummond, a tireless worker at full-back, saved frequently.

O'Neill (half-back) was strong in defence and Busidoni was Australia's most constructive half-back.

Hulme was the best Australian forward in the first half. Freckleton came into the limelight later, and McKenzie played usefully at outside left.

Result:- England 13, d. Australia 1.

Goalscorers:- England - Sewell 4; Hagan, Clarke each 3; Broome 2; Langton. Australia - McKenzie.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
30th. June 1951, 14.15	Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales			14147

Australia..0 v. England F.A.XI..17

half time, Australian XI..0 v. England F.A.XI..7

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Norman Conquest						GK	Sam Bartram				
	RB	Hedley Parkes						RB	Harry Bamford				
	LB	Cecil Drummond						LB	John McCue				
	RH	Robert Lawrie (c)						RH	Derek Parker				
	CH	Tom Jack						CH	Reg Flewin (c)				
	LH	Eric "Mick" Duff						LH	Joe Shaw				
	OR	Ernest "Dick" Kemp						OR	Gordon Hurst	86			
	IR	Eric Hulme						IR	Jack Sewell	5, 51, X, X, X, X			
	CF	Reg Date						CF	Ike Clarke	12, 13, X, X			
	IL	Malcolm Wild						IL	Jim Hagan	10, X, 46			
	OL	Ross McKenzie						OL	Frank Broome	X, 85, X			

Team Coach		Team Trainer	Bob Shotton
Team Manager		Team Managers	Frank Adams
Referee	H.McLeod		Dave Wiseman
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from the Truth, 1/7/1951, page 22 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/167968945/16366652

England yesterday humbled Australia's supposedly best Soccer team in the second Test at Sydney Cricket Ground by the huge score of 17-0. The Englishmen's play was superlative.
A crowd of 14,147, who paid £2323 for admission, saw the greatest debacle ever in Australian Soccer.
The game reflects no credit on the Australian selectors, who must accept full responsibility for the fiasco.
The great tragedy was the selection of players well past their football prime, who were made to look like cart horses by the brilliant Englishmen.
An even greater tragedy was the fact that six up-and-coming youngsters — R.Lord, K.O'Neill, G.Russell, J.Hodge, F.Parsons and H.Robertson - had to sit on the touchline as reserves and watch the debacle.
On top of that, the team was not chosen until Wednesday, and did not meet until just before the kickoff.
The Englishmen, by their brilliance, have shown up the two greatest weakness in Australian Soccer.
They are, first, the weak standard of the game in this country; and second, the administration.
Until far-sighted men take over control, so will the game continue to languish.
None of this detracts from the magnificent display given by England.
Mr. D.Wiseman, co-manager of the team, said after the game:-
"I have been connected with Soccer for 40 years, but I have never seen a finer display given by any English team than that given by our lads today."
That comment aptly sums up the brilliant Englishmen.
Jack Sewell, who made an Australian international record by scoring six goals, was at his best.
He toyed with the Australian backline, his clever positional play and superb ball control being outstanding.
Every English player, from goalkeeper Bartram to outside left Broome, played his position to perfection.
Mention of Broome, who was the idol of the crowd, shows the class of reserve that England has to call upon.
He figured in practically every scoring movement, his combination with Jimmy Hagan being colossal.
His three goals were gems.
Ike Clarke was in his element in the centre.
He scored four classic goals, all as the result of clever anticipation and deadly shooting.
English right winger Gordon Hurst, who was also held in esteem by the crowd, scored the last goal, beating five men to do so.
Least said about the Australian team the better.

After England had scored four goals with the ease of grown men toying with kindergarten kids, every Australian player, apart from Eric Hulme, appeared to lose heart.
Hulme deserves special mention for his lionhearted display.
It was a game of magnificence in every aspect of Soccer from the Englishmen and almost a complete negation of every such feature on the part of Australia.
Never has this country had to eat such humble pie on any sporting field.
England, 17 (J.Sewell 6, I.Clarke 4, F.Broome 3, J.Hagan 3, G.Hurst 1) beat Australia, nil.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
7th. July 1951,	Brisbane Cricket Ground, Woolloongabba, Brisbane, Queensland			23216

Australia..1 v. England F.A.Xl..4

half time, Australia..1 v. England F.A.Xl..4

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Lord						GK	Sam Bartram				
	RB	Kevin O'Neill						RB	Harry Bamford				
3	LB	Cecil Drummond						LB	John McCue				
	RH	Robert Lawrie (c)						RH	Derek Parker				
	CH	Robert Bignall						CH	Reg Flewin (c)				
	LH	Eric "Mick" Duff						LH	Joe Shaw				
	OR	"Jock" Hodge						OR	Gordon Hurst				
	IR	Eric Hulme						IR	Jack Sewell				
	CF	Gordon Nunn					9	CF	Ike Clarke	3, 4			
	IL	John "Jock" McMahon						IL	Jim Hagan	15			
	OL	Harry Robertson	29					OL	Robert Langton	X			

Team Coach		Team Trainer	Bob Shotton
Team Manager	Harold Barwick	Team Managers	Frank Adams
Referee	J.Perotte		Dave Wiseman
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from the Sunday Mail (Brisbane), 8/7/1951, page 18 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/98345551/10323184

Two goals by English centre-forward Ike Clarke in the first four minutes, wrecked Australia's hopes in the third Soccer Test at the Brisbane Cricket Ground yesterday.
England went on to a comfortable victory by four goals to one, to win three Tests in a row.
England gave Australia a lesson in ball control and positional play.
At times, especially in the second half, they appeared to be taking things easily.
Australian captain, Bob Lawrie, said after the game: "These chaps are good. They caught up with two quick goals before we had time to settle down."
He paid a tribute to the Australian defence, which did not concede a goal in the second half.
Australia's greatest weakness was its failure to keep the ball on the ground.
Time and again good movements were ruined by kicking the ball into the air, enabling the English defence to head it away safely.
The State team last Wednesday gave a much better exhibition of this phase of the game than Australia did yesterday.
In striking contrast, the Englishmen seldom lifted the ball, and their machine-like play amazed the crowd of approximately 20,000.
The English left flank, Bobby Langton and Jimmy Hagan, were the spearheads of the attack. Their clever ball control and passing made them a continual menace.
Hagan's goal, the best of the match, was the result of a splendid first-time drive from about 20 yards out.
The other English winger, Gordon Hurst, also gave a clever display, and centre-forward Clarke showed his shooting ability with the first two goals.
Jack Sewell, £35,000 sterling inside forward, was not particularly impressive.
Headed by their captain, Reg Flewin, the English defenders were always on top, and they gave an object lesson in cover defence.
Queenslander Bob Lawrie, at right half, stood out in the Australian defence. He was one of the few defenders to keep the ball on the ground when passing.
Twenty-one-year-old Australian goalkeeper, Ron Lord, playing his first Test, had no chance with any of the goals, but made some excellent saves.
Cec Drummond, playing his 21st consecutive Test as full-back, was very solid, and often stopped scoring moves.
He was well supported by his partner, Kev. O'Neill.
Australian centre-half Bob Bignall was too easily lured away from the centre in the first half, but did much better in the second.
Left half Eric Duff was not impressive, and on yesterday's form is much inferior to Queenslander Lex Gibb.
The Australian forwards were weak, and English 'keeper Burgin hardly had one decent shot to stop.
Receipts were approximately £5500.

match report from the Truth (Brisbane), 8/7/1951, page 16 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/201519559/22067336

A crowd of over 20,000 paid a record Brisbane Soccer Test "gate" of £5500 to see the crack English pro. team win the 1951 "ashes" with a third Test 4-1 margin over Australia, at the 'Gabba, yesterday. But John Bull's "bull's-eye" marksmen must have scored dozens of "outers."

They made "Kanga-rubes" of the Aussies in tongue and groove teamwork only to spoil all their Machiavellian manoeuvring and mastery with front of goal frailties that would have disgraced a school team.

Sure, they hit the "bull's-eye" four times, twice through "Ike" Clarke within the first four minutes, the third at 15 minutes from Hagan. Robertson scored for Australia after 30 minutes, Langton made it 4-1 minutes later and it stayed that way through a cheerless, scoreless second half, when the Aussie defence ganged up on the pattern-weaving Englishmen.

Did t'Chooms "run dead?" They didn't, but many of them admitted after the match that with the English season coming up when they get back home they weren't taking any injury chances on a ground much harder than they cared for.

They had the green and gold licked in every soccer phase, and the fact that the crowd stayed out the cold, grey afternoon to the end was tribute to their custom-tailored teamwork

T'Chooms played the "third - back" defensive game with skipper Reg. Flewin policing "Bunny" Nunn unceasingly.

In attack they worked the modern "V" formation with centre-forward Ike Clarke staying deep at the apex. Australia stuck to the outmoded "W" formation, with Nunn as the spearhead and a well-blunted spearhead was "Bunny".

The Englishmen were never out of passing position, the Aussies rarely in it. The whites placed the ball unerringly to a partner always there, the 'Roos kicked on a 'hope-for-the-best' system.

But the home defence shone! They were shocked, so were the crowd, in the first few minutes when Clarke scored two goals, like the man on the flying trapeze, with the greatest of ease.

They rallied after that. Lord was only beaten twice subsequently, saved dozens of shots, several at point blank range, and earned the deserved plaudits of the mob.

Full-backs, Drummond and O'Neill, specially O'Neill, defended grandly with head or foot intervention that frequently jarred the white attack.

The forwards were a lost legion. As Aussie skipper, Bob Lawrie, said to "Truth" in the dressing room, "If only we could get more punch in the forward line!"

Of the almost fruitless five, wee Jock McMahon at inside left, looked the pick, moving with speed and ball control on a plane above his vanguard mates. Auburn right winger, Jock Hodge, was star flanksman, but like t'Chooms, left his shooting boots at home. But the Englishmen! Alas, alack and Alaska! Surely never have such big-time forwards scored so few from so many chances.

Sewell, Sheffield Wednesday's £43,000 star, Ike Clarke, Portsmouth pivot, Gordon Hurst, Charlton Athletic champ., these were the forward line. Their footwork, etc. starved the eyes they filled.

Their ball blandishments, quick shifts, disguised transfers, ran the whole gamut of Soccer skill, but did the crowd cheer? Neither did we!

English backs Gibraltar sound. Full-backs Bamford, McCue, never put ball or foot wrong. Flewin buttressed backs and forwards cleverly and kept Nunn foot-and-head handcuffed. Wing halves, Parker and Shaw well-nigh perfect, fending or feeding.

From England's angle, Ike Clarke's two goals in the third and fourth minutes were amazingly simple. To the crowd and the Aussie defence they were simply amazing.

The true artist made it look easy. Hagan's goal after 15 minutes when he received a cross from Langton, was a terrific hook that hit the net first time with Lord left without a prayer. The one Langton got from the left with a swift lob also gave the goalie no hope.

Robertson's goal for Australia came from a Hodge corner kick, when Robertson bustled the ball in from a goal-front melee.

Game warrants no further description.This wasn't a match. It was like putting draught horses in the Doomben Ten Thousand. They wouldn't be in the race.

Neither was Australia!

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
14th. July 1951, 15.00	Royal Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales (Sydney Showground)			9000

Australia..1 v. England F.A.Xl..6

half time, Australian Xl..0 v. England F.A.Xl..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
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	LB	Cecil Drummond						LB	John McCue				
	RH	Robert Lawrie (c)						RH	Derek Parker				
	CH	Robert Bignall						CH	Syd Owen (c)				
	LH	Eric "Mick" Duff						LH	Joe Shaw				
	OR	Kevin Lake						OR	Gordon Hurst	48			
	IR	Eric Hulme	X(pk)					IR	Jack Sewell	29			
	CF	Frank Parsons						CF	Ike Clarke	X			
	IL	John "Jock" McMahon						IL	Frank Broome		34		
	OL	Harry Robertson						OL	Robert Langton				
SUBSTITUTES													
								IR	Harry Webster	39, X, 89			34

Team Coach		Team Trainer	Bob Shotton
Team Manager		Team Managers	Frank Adams
Referee	Frank Chidgey		Dave Wiseman
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from The Sun, 15/7/1951, page 20 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/230233589/24576618

Beaten 6-1 by England in the fourth Soccer Test at the Showground yesterday, Australia, nevertheless, put up its best performance yet against the redoubtable record-breaking tourists.
While Australia still lags badly in ball control and positional strategy there was ample evidence yesterday that the Australian players are learning fast from England's example.
Three of England's goals might have been saved by Australian goalkeeper Ron Lord had his judgment been more taut.
England's outside right Gordon Hurst gave a superb exhibition of wing-forward play.
Faster with the ball at his toe than the Australian defenders trying to get it from him, he scored one goal and paved the way for two others.
On the other wing Bob Langton, troubled with a groin injury, was less happy.
But he entertained the crowd with some delightful footwork, not always successful, against Australia's right back Kevin O'Neill.
In contrast, Australia's winger were pedestrian.
The toughness of the play is shown by the fact that it was 29 minutes before England scored its first goal.
It was a snap header by inside right Jack Sewell, when Lord rushed out to intercept a pass from inside left Frank Broome.
Five minutes later Broome, who had been limping, went off. He pulled a muscle in his leg and was replaced by Harry Webster.
The young Bolton Wanderers star, joining his club colleague Langton, proceeded to score three goals, the first within five minutes of his appearance on the field, just before half-time.
This was the result of a remarkable error by Lord, Hurst had broken through and shot for the far corner of the goal.
The ball passed high across the goal, but Lord, instead of pushing or punching it clear, intercepted it with his right hand, and tried to pull it up and over the crossbar.
The ball hit the bar and bounced out to Webster's deadly boot.
Three minutes in the second half, England scored its third goal, a terrific drive by Hurst, after a clever feeding pass from centre-forward Ike Clarke.
Then came Australia's only goal. In a front-of-goal scramble after a corner kick England's captain Sid Owen charged Australian centre-forward Frank Parsons in the back.
Inside-right Eric Hulme took the penalty kick awarded by referee Frank Chidgey. England's goalkeeper Ted Burgin did not see the bullet-like ground drive that went past him.
Hulme, showing enterprise and footwork mastery, was the best of Australia's forwards. The other inside forward Jock McMahon was probing and energetic. Parsons was eager but ineffective.
The penalty goal against them roused England. From the kick-off the ball went to Hurst, who dribbled the ball across the ground, from right to left wing, and centred to the opportunist head of Webster, for England's fourth goal.

An element of misjudgment by Lord - who had been applauded for a series of brilliant saves - produced England's fifth goal.
The dangerous Clarke had broken through and sent in a skimming drive. Lord dived to gather it in, but just got his fingers under the ball, which flipped up and skidded over his back into the net.
Australia then held England until the last 30 seconds, when Webster showed his class by beating three men and sending in a sizzling left-foot shot.
The overwhelming mastery of England in previous matches affected the attendance. Only 9000 people (who paid £1734) saw the game.
Nevertheless, the tour has been an immense success. Already 270,000 people have paid more than £42,000 to see the Englishmen play.
England has scored 141 goals to 11, beating the goal-scoring record of the 1925 English side by five goals.
England 6 (H. Webster 3, J. Sewell, G. Hurst, I. Clarke) beat Australia 1 (E. Hulme).

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
21st. July 1951, 14.30	Newcastle Sports Ground, Newcastle, New South Wales	strong cold wind		7165

Australia..0 v. England F.A.Xl..5

half time, Australian Xl..0 v. England F.A.Xl..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
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	LB	Kevin O'Neill						LB	John McCue				
	RH	Robert Lawrie (c)						RH	Syd Owen				
	CH	Tom Jack						CH	Reg Flewin (c)				
	LH	Lex Gibb						LH	Joe Shaw				
	OR	Sam North						OR	Gordon Hurst	X			
	IR	Eric Hulme						IR	Jack Sewell	15			
	CF	Gordon Nunn						CF	Ike Clarke	56, X			
	IL	Alexander "Sonja" Heaney						IL	Bill Smith	X			
	OL	Harry Robertson						OL	Bobby Langton				

Team Coach		Team Trainer	Bob Shotton
Team Manager		Team Managers	Frank Adams
Referee	H.Parker		Dave Wiseman
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from the Newcastle Morning Herald, 23/7/1951, page 8 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/134056262/10074899

England won the fifth Soccer Test against Australia, five goals to nil, at Newcastle Sports Ground on Saturday, as easily as it had won the previous four.

The five Test victories equalled the performance of the 1925 English team in Australia. These are the only times Australia has failed to win at least one match in a Test series.

England scored 36 goals and conceded three in the series. The margin by no means exaggerates Engand's superiority. Rather does it flatter Australia's efforts.

England completed its tour by defeating New South Wales yesterday, two goals to nil at Wollongong. It scored 153 goals to 13 in its 20 matches in 10 weeks. Never once in that time was it in danger of defeat.

Its goal scoring is a record for a Soccer side visiting Australia.

The tour has been successful from the financial and educational aspects, but has not come to an end before time. That does not mean the English team has outstayed its. welcome. But interest has flagged decidedly since England las so consistently asserted its superiority. Matches have become little more than exhibitions, and the lack of competitive interest has caused gate receipts to drop considerably.

Fewer than 18,000 watched the last two Test matches.

Only time will tell if the tour has been as successful as was anticipated. If there is an appreciable advance in the Australian technique and the lessons so clearly demonstrated have been thoroughly learned, the loss of prestige caused by the succession of defeats will be a small price to pay. There has been some sign, in club matches, that players are attempting to copy the Englishmen's immaculate methods, but there must be more than isolated cases for one to believe the tour has been as valuable as was hoped. Only if there is wholesale coaching, from the schools up, according to the English Soccer doctrine, will the tour have left a credit that is not only financial. The Australian Association can best give a lead by ensuring that the tragedy of this season's Test team selections is never repeated. The best approach to that pressing problem would be to reduce the selection committee to the three best men available, irrespective of State affiliations.

Although there was no other football played in the North on Saturday, the crowd was less than 7000, a disappointing number for a Test match in Newcastle, which only receives such recognition when a Soccer team visits Australia. The deplorable weather undoubtedly played some part in the meagre rollup, but the fact that the match was certain to be one-sided meant that only Soccer's faithful would attend.

It was not an outstanding match, even for exhibition purposes.

England gained an unbreakable grip and merely."coasted'" along.

Australia's football was mostly aimless in design. The defence relied on long kicking. The attack was too feeble in improvisation, and near-goal effort to encourage anyone sufficiently optimistic to hope that the side would make a game of it. The Australian selectors again experimented with a team, and the parts did not fit in. It did not even threaten a goal, let alone score one. Most of the players were, as usual, too hesitant and slow.

Some of the Englishmen, obviously spurning the chance of injury so close to the end of the tour, and probably "fed up" with football, were also below par. They scored twice in the first half.

There were few successes in the Australian team. Lord passed muster in goal, but did not exude confidence. K.O'Neill was very good and got his team out of many awkward scrapes. Bignall was not sufficiently successful as a full-back, to be noticed much. Gibb's condition was poor and he is too old to keep pace with young, skilled players. Jack and.Lawrie were only fairly good. E.Hulme was the poorest player, as regards quality on the field. Robertson suffered from lack of support and Nunn was little less weak than Hulme. He never looked like scoring and his passes, such as they were, were sent with monotonous irregularity to the wrong wing. Heaney, a born schemer, was the main forward success, but could not do everything himself. Hulme made weak passes and North had to go infield after them too often. He was given less than reasonable opportunities but, with these limited resources, drew sufficient attention to himself to force the Englishmen to tell off a player to watch North. He played well enough to be fully satisfied with his first Test appearance.

England 5 (Clarke 2, Sewell, Smith, Hurst 1 each) d. Australia 0.

part match report from The Newcastle Sun, 21/7/1951, page 8 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/158786657/16989082

Once again proving its superiority over any Australian Soccer team, England was leading by three goals to nil 11 minutes after the interval in the Fifth Soccer Test this afternoon at Newcastle.

The match was played at Newcastle Sports Ground in fine, cold weather on a playing area made very fast by the week of westerly winds.

Other football competitions and most other sporting fixtures were cancelled in deference to the Test.

The Englishmen fielded their strongest available team, the aim being to ensure an unbeaten record in the present Test series.

England has scored 31 goals against three in the four Tests leading up to today's finale.

Three Newcastle and district players were included in the Australian side today. They were Alec Heaney (inside forward), Sam North (outside right) and K. O'Neill, Cessnock full-back.

North, whose form in competition matches has been regarded as first class, made his first Test appearance.

The English team will leave Sydney next Wednesday and arrive in England next Saturday.

There was a last-minute change in England's team today. Derrick Parker took ill this morning and was replaced by Syd Owen.

Three members of the English team, Clarke, Smith and Langton, took the field with leg and ankle injuries strapped up.

For Smith, inside forward from Birmingham, today's match represented his first Test appearance of the present tour. Until today he had been the only Englishman who had not secured Test honors.

Shortly before the game the crowd was estimated at 6000.

There was a last-minute hitch over the use of the Australian-made balls which were to have been used in today's Test.

The Englishmen, after inspecting the balls, complained that they were not suitable, that there was variation in size and that the lacing was not done correctly.

After a conference between the managers of the opposing teams it was agreed that the match be played with English-type balls. New ones were not available so the balls which had been used twice previously on the tour were used.

The Teams:-

England: Goal, E.Burgin; full-backs, H.Bamford, J.McCue; halves, S.Owen, R.Flewin, J.Shaw; forwards, G.Hurst, J.Sewell, I.Clarke, W.Smith, R.Langton.

Australia: Goal, R.Lord; full-backs, R.Bignall, K.O'Neill; halves, R.lawrie, T.Jack, L.Gibb; forwards, S.North, E.Hulme, G.Nunn, A.Heaney, H.Robertson.

Referee: H.Parker

Australia began with the aid of a strong wind and soon after the start the ball was worked down to England's end where North and Heaney were prominent close to the goal mouth. Only bustling defence kept the goal clear. Three times in succession the ball went to Hurst on England's right wing and each time he made ground. Clarke and then Hurst drove for the Australian goal each time from fairly long range and Lord had no difficulty in clearing.

The English defence several times flicked the ball back to Burgin who made exceptionally strong clearance considering the headwind he faced.

Australia raised hopes when North centred the ball nicely from the right wing but Heaney's attempt to bang it into the goal was well blocked by Bamford and McCue.

The Australian forwards maintained a strong offensive until Flewin manoeuvred the ball back downfield. Smith raced through past the fullbacks and let drive at Lord. The ball went hard along the ground and the Australian goalie fell on it to save. Australia was back on the attack when Bignall took the ball to Langton. North took the corner kick but England was safe around the goal mouth. Bergin made another long clearance.

Aided by the wind Australia at this stage was matching England In positional play. However, the Englishmen were showing their usual skill in interception and England scored first after 15 minutes.

Langton showed evasive skill on the left wing. Clarke centred cleverly, Sewell was in position in front of the goal mouth and he gave Lord no chance.

England 1. Australia 0.

The Englishmen had now warmed up and the Australian goal was in danger again. However, this time Lord got right behind a hot drive by Smith, who with Hurst swept down on the Australian goal again, but this time Jack swept the ball to one side.

However, a minute or two later Australia conceded a corner and as the ball came in from Langton, Smith simply swept it clean into the net.

England 2. Australia 0.

England had now got well on top of the game and Hurst came in banging the side of the net with a near miss. Invariably the ball was taken off the feet of Australian players with Owen demonstrating some classy head work.

In one of Australia's now rare excursions towards the English goal Lawrie lofted the ball, but North could not quite get his foot to it near the goal mouth.

Australia's early burst of attack had now died right away before England's concentrated cohesive methods both in attack and defence. There was a burst of applause for Lord as Sewell let fly with a rising shot which the Australian goalie brilliantly deflected over the crossbar.

Lawrie and Heaney tried to work play down past the centre, but once again England's halves, Owen and Shaw, gained possession. Owen and Langton then had a private little duel on their own with some clever short passes, but there was a roar soon afterwards as North moved in towards the English goal. He kicked strongly but Flewin was in the way and headed the ball aside brilliantly.

Australia had now livened a little in attack. Heaney fired the ball in from long range, but it swept across in front of the goal-mouth.

The burst was maintained when Bergin had to save shots by Heaney again and then Nunn. Flewin chopped off the next Australian rally, but North kept Australia in the picture when he blocked a move by McCue.

Then Lord raced out just in time to snap the ball right off the toes of Smith. O'Neill took a free kick for Australia on the halfway line, but his kick was too strong with the wind and it drifted behind the goal line.

In the closing stages of the first half England again began to call the tune, although the Australian defence, particularly the centre half, Jack, was doing sound work in protecting the goal.

Half-time scores: England 2. Australia 0.

Although now playing against the wind Australia began the second half promisingly and went close to scoring through the persistence of right winger North. He came in and almost had the ball taken off the toes of goalie Bergin when Bamford joined in and swept it away out of the danger zone.
Lord was in the picture when he jumped high to make a good catch and save from a shot by Sewell as the ball came in from Langton in the corner. Robertson then took a corner kick for Australia and Heaney's shot lofted over the net.
It was not long before England added to the score. Hurst moved clear down the right wing and centred perfectly for Clarke to beat Lord with a swinging drive 11 minutes of the start of the second half.
England 3. Australia 0.

The English team had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-
16th.May 1951 South Coast..0 v. England F.A.Xl..7 at Wollongong Showground, Wollongong, NSW kick-off 15.30 Attendance..10500
19th.May 1951 New South Wales..1 v. England F.A.Xl..8 at Royal Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, NSW kick-off 15.00 Attendance..42,150
22nd.May 1951 Sydney Metropolis..2 v. England F.A.Xl..6 at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, NSW kick-off 15.00 Attendance..6,943
30th.May 1951 Northern Districts..1 v. England F.A.Xl..7 at Cessnock, NSW kick-off 15.00 Attendance..9,847
2nd.June 1951 New South Wales..1 v. England F.A.Xl..3 at Sportsground, Newcastle, NSW
6th.June 1951 Victoria..0 v. England F.A.Xl..5 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Victoria kick-off 14.45 Attendance..12,437
9th.June 1951 Victoria..0 v. England F.A.Xl..7 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Victoria Attendance..34,000
16th.June 1951 Tasmania..0 v. England F.A.Xl..11 at the North Hobart Oval, Hobart, Tasmania Attendance..4,800
19th.June 1951 Tasmania..0 v. England F.A.Xl..17 at York Park, Launceston, Tasmania Attendance..2,500
4th.July 1951 Queensland..1 v. England F.A.Xl..7 at Brisbane Cricket Ground, Woolloongabba, Brisbane, Queensland Attendance..5,500
11th.July 1951 Central Queensland..0 v. England F.A.Xl..13 at Bundaberg, Queensland
18th.July 1951 Granville District..2 v. England F.A.Xl..5 at Cumberland Oval, Parramatta, Sydney, NSW Attendance..5,249
22nd.July 1951 New South Wales..0 v. England F.A.Xl..2 at the Wollongong Showground, Wollongong, NSW Attendance..4,268

Proir to the tour of Australia the English team had a challenge match in the USA.
9th.May 1951 American Soccer League Stars..0 v. England F.A. Xl..4 at Croke Park, Broadway, New York *(Bill Smith scored 2 goals)* Attendance.. 2,500

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copied from www.ozfootball.net, further information by Richard Kreider

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
30th. August 1952,	W.A.C.A.Ground, Perth, Western Australia			10000

Western Australia..0 v. Australia..2

half time, Western Australia..0 v. Australia..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Domenico Di-Lollo						GK	William Mahoney				
	RB	Guiseppe Scarparola						RB	Eric Heath				
	LB	Jim Ward						LB	Michael O'Malley				
	RH	Frank Reid						RH	Robert "Choc" Bignall (c)				
	CH	Ron Adair						CH	Pat Clarke				
	LH	Jack Smethurst						LH	Eric "Mick" Duff				
	OR	Vince Parlatoni						OR	Charlie Stewart	X			
	IR	Albert Robertson (c)						IR	J.Freckleton				
	CF	Edmundo Faletti						CF	William Copeland	X			
	IL	Frank McShane						IL	C.Rawlings				
	OL	Jimmy McMillan						OL	David Pitcairn				
Team Coach							Team Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager		F.R.Druery				
Referee		R.Hill (Western Australia)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Pat Clarke (Hakoah, Victoria) is sometimes confused with Peter Clark (Moreland, Victoria).

match report from The West Australian, 1/9/1952, page 16 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/49050076/3806288

Poor shooting for goal by the forwards was responsible for Western Australia's 2-0 defeat by the visiting Australian soccer team at the W.A.C.A. ground on Saturday. Several times the W.A. forwards were in good scoring positions, but either lifted the ball high over the crossbar or drive it past one of the uprights. Western Australia's failure to score was also due to splendid defence by the Australian team. The visiting goalkeeper, W.Mahoney, thrilled the record crowd of about 10,000 with his spectacular saves. The hard tackling of the Australian full-backs, E.Heath and M.O'Malley, and the brilliant headwork of the centre-half, P.Clarke, repeatedly beat the home forwards. On several occasions the Australian defence also worked an off-side trap to perfection.

Western Australia went into attack straight after the kick-off and after the inside right, A.Robertson, had forced a corner-kick the outside left, J.McMillan, headed the ball past the goalpost. The Australian team took the lead when a quick passing movement enabled C.Stewart to cut in and net a goal with a hard ground shot. A few minutes later the visiting centre-forward, W.Copeland, scored the second goal with a fine high drive. From this stage and for the rest of the game the Australian forwards were allowed little scope, and the W.A. full-backs, G.Scarparola and J.Ward continually beat them for the ball.

The W.A. centre-half, R.Adair, gave a brilliant display in defence and was clearly superior in individual clashes with his opponents.

In the second-half the W.A. wing halves, F.Reid and J.Smethurst, dominated the play in midfield. Smethurst in particular, came through with the ball, and gave the home forwards many accurate passes. In one of these assults on the Australian goal the W.A. centre-forward, E.Faletti, hit an upright with a drive with Mahoney hopelessly out of position. A measure of W.A.'s superiority in play can be gained from the fact that it forced 11 corner-kicks during the match to three by the Australian team.

The Australian captain, Bignell, paid a tribute to Smethurst, who he said was the best player of the match. The Australian players thought that if the West Australian forwards had been more accurate, the result might have been different.

copied from The West Australian, further information by Richard Kreider (author of *Paddocks to Pitches*)

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
1st. September 1952, 15.30	W.A.C.A.Ground, Perth, Western Australia	Wet		

Western Australia..1 v. Australia..1

half time, Western Australia..0 v. Australia..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
						START LIST							
	GK	Domenico Di-Lollo						GK	William Mahoney				
	RB	Johnny Beveridge						RB	Eric Heath		X		
	LB	Jim Ward						LB	Michael O'Malley				
	RH	Frank Reid						RH	Jack Mather				
	CH	Ron Adair						CH	Pat Clarke				
	LH	Frank McShane						LH	Angus Drennan				
	OR	Tony Szymanski						OR	Charlie Stewart				
	IR	Edmundo Faletti						IR	Robert Bignall (c)				
	CF	Albert Robertson (c)						CF	William Copeland				
	IL	Dave Young						IL	Eric "Mick" Duff	40			
	OL	Jimmy McMillan	55					OL	Cliff Sander				
						SUBSTITUTES							
								RB	David Pitcairn				X

Team Coach		Team Coach	
Team Manager		Team Manager	F.R.Druery
Referee	H.Baker (Western Australia)		
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from The West Australian, 2/9/1952, page 10 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/49050351/3806216

The West Australian soccer team gave a good performance yesterday to draw 1-1 with the strong visiting Australian team at the W.A.C.A. ground. The West Australians held the ascendency throughout the second half. The standard of play was not high because of the slippery nature of the ground. Players on both sides found it difficult to keep on their feet. The West Australian players adapted themselves to the conditions better than the visitors - many of whom are accustomed to playing in wet weather. Western Australia was without J.Smethurst, one of its best players. He received a leg injury in the match on Saturday.

Shortly after the kick-off the Australian full-back, E.Heath, fell heavily on his right arm and was assisted off the field. He was replaced by D.Pitcairn, and there was a reshuffle of several positions in the Australian team.

The Australian side showed glimpses of systematic play in the first-half, but again found the West Australian defenders in excellent form. Adair was almost unbeatable, while the full-backs, J.Beveridge and J.Ward, tackled forcefully. Five minutes before half-time the Australian inside-left, E.Duff, cleverly beat two West Australian defenders, and drove the ball well out of reach of the goalkeeper, D.Di-Lollo, for the first goal.

The West Australian right-half, F.Reid, sent a perfect pass through to the outside-left, J.McMillan, ten minutes after the resumption. McMillan raced through, dribbled the ball round the Australian goalkeeper, W.Mahoney, and drove it into the net for the equalising goal. The local team owed its ascendancy in the second half to the determined tackling by the half-backs and inside-forwards.

Towards the end of the game the home players were much faster to the ball.

In an article in the The Sydney Morning Herald, 16/7/1953, page 7 (www.trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/18385232) prior to the N.S.W. v. Hong Kong Chinese XI (18/7/1953) mention was made of a match played in 1952.

The Chinese team for Saturday is -

Goal: Yu Yiu Tak; Full-backs: Hau Yung Sand, Tan Kai Sow; Halves: Tang Sum, Ng Kee Cheung, Lee Chun Fat; Forwards: Ho Ying Fun, Szeto Man, Chu Wing Keung, Chau Man Chi, Hau Ching To.

The side is the same which played an Australian team in Hong Kong last year.

The match was played on a water-logged ground. The Australian team won 3-1.

This game has not been verified. Enquiries were made to Sha Tin Public Library, Hong Kong who in turn approached the Hong Kong Football Association, the Sports Institute and other academic libraries in Hong Kong without verification.

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As with previous tours by Chinese teams (1923, 1927, and 1941), there is some doubt over their title.
The 1953 tour by a squad of Hong Kong Chinese was advertised and reported by Australian newspapers as China, whereas The China Mail referred to the team as Eastern and also Hong Kong Eastern.
However, not all the players were from Eastern Athletic.

The China Mail, 13/7/1953, page 7 reported that the squad was:-

Yu Yiu-Tak
Hau Yung-Sang
Tan Kai-Sow
Lee Ping-Chau
Tang Sum
Ng Kee-Cheung
Lee Chun-Fat
Ho Ying-Fun
Szeto Man
Chu Wing-Keung
Chow Man-Chi
Hau Ching-To
Chan Fai-Hung
Lo Wai-Kuen
with the manager as Leslie J.Channing

They arrived in Sydney on the 15/7/1953.
The squad was further increased when Yong Poy-Dor, Cheung Kam-Hoi, Ho Cheung-Yau and team manager Kwok Ying-Shu arrived in Sydney on 19/7/1953. (http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/18382605)

The team was completed when the Singapore goalkeeper, Chu Chi-Sing, arrived in Sydney on 25/7/1953, however, he never appeared in any of the matches so there is doubt whether he was part of the tour.
Goalkeeper Pau King-Yin (South China A.A.) appears in some squad lists but withdrew from the tour before departure from Hong Kong and was replaced by Chung Koon-Hing, but he also did not tour and appears to have been replaced by Yong Poy-Dor.

Note that the Hong Kong Football Association joined FIFA in 1954.

Ng Kee-Cheung, Cheung Kam-Hoi and Hau Ching-To also toured Australia in 1941.

Australian newspaper reports show various name interpretations:-
Lee Chun-Fat is also shown as Lee Cheung-Fat;
Ho Ying-Fun is also shown as Ho Yin-Fun;
Chu Wing-Keung is also shown as Chu Ying-Keung;
Chow Man-Chi is also shown as Chau Man-Chi
Chan Fai-Hung is also shown as Chau Fai-Hung and Chen Fai-Hung
Cheung Kam-Hoi also shown as Chang Kang-Hoi, Chang Kam-Hoi and Chang Kan-Hoi
Yong Poy-Dor is also shown as Young Pui-Choi and Young Poy-For
Yu Yiu-Tak is also shown as Yu Yin-Tak
Lee Ping-Chiu is also shown as Lee Bing-Chiu
Ho Cheung-Yau is also shown as Ho Cheung-Yan

manager Kwok Ying-Shu is also shown as Kwok Ying-Shi

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
25th. July 1953, 15.00	Royal Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales (Sydney Showground)			34985

Australia..1 v. Hong Kong Chinese Xl..4

half time, Australia..1 v. Hong Kong Chinese Xl..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	William Mahoney						GK	Yu Yiu-Tak (c)				
	RB	Michael "Mick" O'Malley						RB	Hau Yung-Sang				
	LB	Douglas Wendt						LB	Tang Sum				
	RH	Frank Sands						RH	Cheung Kam-Hoi				
	CH	Robert Lawrie (c)						CH	Ng Kee-Cheung				
	LH	Angus Drennan						LH	Chau Man-Chi				
	OR	Charles Stewart	35					OR	Ho Ying-Fun	46			
	IR	Alan Garside						IR	Ho Cheung-Yau				
	CF	Gordon Nunn						CF	Lee Chun-Fat	20			
	IL	Jack Lennard						IL	Szeto Man	35			
	OL	Harry Robertson						OL	Hau Ching-To	X			

Team Coach	Viv. Chalwin	Team Coach	
Team Manager	Stan Jones	Team Managers	Kwok Ying-Shu
Team Trainer	Arthur Lee		Leslie J.Channing
Referee	Ron Wright		
Linesman	S.G.(Dick) Thorpe		
Linesman	L.McDonald	Squad List	Goalkeepers
			Yong Poy-Dor
			Yu Yiu-Tak (c) (Eastern Athletic)
			Fullbacks
			Hau Yung-Sang (Sing Tao)
			Tan Kai-Sow
			Lee Ping-Chiu (Eastern Athletic)
			Half-backs
			Ng Kee-Cheung (Kowloon Motor Bus Company)
			Tang Sum (Kowloon Motor Bus Company)
			Chan Fai-Hung (Eastern Athletic)
			Lo Wai-Kuen (Eastern Athletic)
			Forwards
			Ho Cheung-Yau (Sing Tao)
			Chau Man-Chi (Kitchee Sports Club)
			Ho Ying-Fun (Eastern Athletic)
			Chu Wing-Keung (Eastern Athletic)
			Lee Chun-Fat (Kowloon Motor Bus Company)
			Cheung Kam-Hoi (Eastern Athletic)
			Hau Ching-To (Eastern Athletic)
			Szeto Man (Kowloon Motor Bus Company)

Mick O'Malley is also shown as Max O'Malley.

match report from The Sunday Herald, 26/7/1953, Sports Section page 6 http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/18509901

The Chinese completely outclassed a weak Australian side to win the first Soccer Test, 4-1, at the Showground yesterday.

The visitors gave the most polished exhibition of their tour, but Australia's display was shocking for a Test side.

The Chinese victory is even more embarrassing when it is remembered that eight of the 11 players are from one club - Eastern, in Hong Kong.

Australia's attack was ragged, but its major weakness was in defence. The Chinese forwards time and again dribbled the ball past the feet of the Australian full-backs and half-backs.

The backs made little effort to halt the constructive movements of their opponents.

Australia's forwards showed no semblance of combination, and solo attempts at goal lofted high over the crossbar.

For the first time on the tour, the Chinese outpaced their opponents in the open.

The visitors' clever football and superb ball control drew constant applause from the 34,985 spectators, who paid £4,758 to see the match.

The match was reminiscent of the 1951 English tour, both through the visitors' good showing and Australia's pathetic display.

It was evident from the opening whistle that the home team lacked combination. The team has had only two and a half hours' practice together. The Chinese have played two matches in one week and have practised every day.

Yesterday, too, their condition lasted better than in their previous two matches.

Australia's coach, N.S.W. chief instructor, Mr. Viv Chalwin, was disappointed in his team. In the dressing-room afterwards he said: "The boys tried, but were no match for the Chinese. It is hard to weld a side together with only one afternoon's practice. But even so, the exhibition was below what I expected from an Australian Eleven."

N.S.W. Soccer Association director and former international, Mr. Tom Tennant, commented: "The Chinese played well and deserved their win. But the local boys played well below standard for a representative Test side."

Australian Joe Marston, who is a leading half-back with English club Preston North End, said: "I thought our boys would do better. The team's exhibition is definitely not a true indication of Australia's Soccer strength. A few changes will have to be made, and the next Test team will have to get together earlier to find some sort of cohesion."

Former Australian international goalkeeper, Norm Conquest praised the Chinese for their scientific football. "But an Australian Test team should never have allowed them to play so well," he said. "Our players did not play up to the standard of ordinary club matches. "The reason is that three of them, centre-half Bob Lawrie, inside-left Jack Lennard, and inside-right Allen Garside, were out of their normal positions. They were completely at sea, and were not given a fair chance to show up their normal game."

Chinese manager Mr. Leslie Channing made an ominous forecast when he said after the match: "Our players did well, but are not yet at their top. I expect another three matches will see them in top condition. I would like to thank the Australian team for a clean and fair display of football."

The Chinese made a last minute change in the side when left-back Lee Ping Chiu became ill with gastric trouble yesterday morning. Tang Sum, who pulled a thigh muscle last Saturday week against N.S.W. had to deputise. Tang has not trained this week. The Chinese yesterday were vastly improved on the form of their first two matches. Power of drive in front of goal, lacking earlier, was evident yesterday. Confident of their condition for the Test, the defenders showed no reluctance to tackle their bigger opponents.

Centre-half Ng Kee Cheung was again the mainstay of the team's defence. His anticipation and saving shots in front of goal were uncanny.

The forwards, particularly on the right wing, delighted the large crowd with clever dribbling and dummying as they inter-passed the ball towards Australia's goal. Right wing Ho Ying Fun drew applause from the stands as he left opposing defenders standing with tricky footwork.

But it was not only ball control that won the Test for the Chinese team. Each pass was part of a concerted forward move, and every pass found the man. Australia's best still have much to learn in that department.

Only member of the Australian team to impress in defence was Victorian left-half Angus Drennan. Harry Robertson tried hard on the left wing but had little support. Inside-left Jack Lennard, son of famous international Perce Lennard, showed good footwork, but played well only in occasional bursts.

The Chinese settled down quickly and attacked the Australian goal early.

In the 20th minute keeper Mahoney cleared a short kick in front of goal. The ball bounced at the feet of centre-forward Lee Chun Fat, who lobbed it over the heads of two defenders into the net.

Fifteen minutes later Australian centre-half Bob Lawrie shot a long pass to right-wing Charlie Stewart, who scored with a hard 25-yard drive along the ground.

Ten minutes before half-time centre-forward Lee Chun Fat drove a hard ball; Mahoney cleared well, but fell to the ground. Lee passed the loose ball across to inside-left Szeto Man, who dribbled the ball across the line.

Half-time: 2-1.

The visitors increased their lead to 3-1 in the first minute of the second half. Right-wing Ho Ving Fun ran into the open and, with a powerful right-footed kick, put the ball into the corner of the net.

With the Chinese in complete control, left-wing Hau Ching To outpaced right-back O'Malley to make the final score 4-1.

Australia made a belated effort in the closing stages, and almost scored in the last few minutes. Only the strong Chinese cover defence prevented Australia from adding a point.

Chinese, 4 (Lee Chun Fat, Szeto Man, Ho Ying Fun, Hau Ching To), beat Australia, 1 (C. Stewart).

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
1st. August 1953, 15.00	Newcastle Showground, Newcastle, New South Wales			14985

Australian XI..5 v. Hong Kong Chinese XI..2

half time, Australian XI..3 v. Hong Kong Chinese XI..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Bill Henderson						GK	Yu Yiu-Tak (c)				
	RB	Cliff Almond						RB	Lee Ping-Chiu				
	LB	Laurie "Lou" Hearne						LB	Hau Yung-Sang				
	RH	Robert Lawrie (c)						RH	Chau Man-Chi				
	CH	Pat Clarke						CH	Tan Kai-Sow				
	LH	Kevin O'Neill						LH	Cheung Kam-Hoi				
	OR	Charles Stewart						OR	Tang Sum				
	IR	Jack Lennard	X					IR	Szeto Man				
	CF	Gordon Nunn	20					CF	Chu Wing-Keung				
	IL	Reg Date	2, 65					IL	Lee Chun-Fat	X			
	OL	Harry Robertson	X					OL	Ho Cheung-Yau	X			
Team Coach							Team Coach						
							Team Manager		Kwok Ying-Shu				
									Leslie J.Channing				
Referee		Bill McWilliams											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Pat Clarke (Hakoah, Victoria) is sometimes confused with Peter Clark (Moreland, Victoria).

part match report from The Sun, 1/8/1953, page 7 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/230218271/24766966

An Australian XI led China 3-1 after 20 minutes of the second half in a Soccer thriller today.
Australia XI won the toss and China kicked off before a crowd of about 15,000.
In a sensational opening, the ball travelled downfield to Nunn.
The Queensland centre-forward passed to veteran forward Date, who scored a beautiful goal with a low ground shot.
Date, an opportunist, tricked the Chinese, who were stunned.
Australian XI 1-0.
Australian XI had another scoring chance when Nunn broke through but kicked over the bar.
China missed centre-half Ng Kee-cheung, who was out through injury.
The Chinese made several sharp attacks, and one shot by Ho Cheung-yau shaved the cross-bar.
Australian XI increased their lead when Nunn broke through and scored a brilliant solo goal.
Australian XI 2-0.
Nunn and Date are on trial for the second Test selection and on their display both appear certain to make the side.
Australian XI were almost in again when Harry Robertson hit the crossbar with a drive from 30 yards out, with goal-keeper Yu Yiu-tak out of position.
China had a chance from a free kick 15 yards out, but Tan Kai-sow's kick went over the crossbar.
China was quick to press home the advantage and in a concerted attack Lee Chun-fat headed in.
Australia 2-1.
Within minutes Nunn raced downfield and when tackled short-kicked to Lennard, who gave Yu no chance to save. Australian XI 3-1.
Half-time Scores: Australian XI 3. China 1.
The Chinese settled down well early in the second half and had two scoring chances in five minutes.
From a free-kick taken by Tang-sum, the ball went downfield and Szeto Man dribbled past two defenders, but his kick for goal was inches outside.
Ho Cheung-yau was clear, but full-back J.Hearne came on the scene and kicked downfield to clear.
Date broke away, but Yu cleared.
The crowd roared when Nunn broke clear and netted, but McWilliams ruled the Queenslander offside and the goal was disallowed.
Nunn was rewarded for his clever play when he scored his second goal.

He was right on the spot when the ball raced past the Chinese fullbacks and scored an easy goal. Australian XI 4-1.
The Teams:-
CHINA: Goal, Yu Yiu-tak; Lee Ping-chu, Hau Yung-sang; Chow Man-chi. Tan Kai-sow, Chang Kam-hoi; Tang Sum, Szeto Man, Chu Wing-keung, Lee Chun-fat. Ho Cheung-yau.
AUSTRALIAN XI: Goal, W.Henderson, C.Almond, L.Hearne; R.Laurie, P.Clark, K.O'Neill; C.Stewart J.Lennard, G.Nunn, R.Date, H.Robertson.

match report from Newcastle Morning Herald, 3/8/153, page 8 http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/134267487
Speed and thrust in attack and reliable defence gave an Australian Soccer XI a 5-2 win against China on Saturday.
It was an unexpected and highly satisfactory success -- one to ease the Australian selectors' problems. The match was played at the Newcastle Sports Ground. The Australian team, which lost the first Test in Sydney a week earlier, was a ragged combination without an idea of what to do next. But the inclusion of another four Northern players made a remarkable difference. Saturday's side looked like a team and played like one.
Australia's selectors have to unearth two new wing forwards to have a tried side for the second Test at Brisbane next Saturday. It would be less than just to drop any of the other nine. .
Australia's success in a fast, interesting match, was the result of teamwork, even if H.Robertson and C.Stewart, on the flanks, were disappointing. Half-back brilliance gave the inside attack sparkle and the defensive system worked perfectly. For the first time against China, the Australians used height and weight advantages intelligently, but never unfairly.
China played graceful Soccer, but was not allowed to play the copy-book brand of game which marked earlier matches. The defence had its measure throughout. Consequently China was unable to finish off attacks.
China's elaboration in at tack was fatal against men of such speed and sound positional understanding as C.Almond and L.Hearne. China's shots were often taken too hurriedly or else there was an annoying tendency to tricky footwork in front of goal when all that was needed was a straight drive. This wasting of time allowed defenders to recover position and possession.
It was unfortunate for China that its clever centre half-back, Ng Kee Cheung, and the outside-right, Ho Ying Fun, had to withdraw because of injuries. Ng Kee Cheung would have made a great difference to the defence.
The Chinese half-back line was the weakest unit on the field.
In the first half the high wind often confounded the Chinese defence. Then, at half-time, while the Chinese were planning to use the breeze to advantage, it died to little more than a zephyr. However, the Chinese players and officials scorned excuses and readily agreed that the Australians were "too good."
The understanding and covering in Australia's defence was so good that few Chinese attacks got close enough to test W.Henderson in goal, but when they did he rose to the occasion. His work was first-class and his clearance kicking outstanding.
Australia's five goals came from constructive attacks, in which four or five players had the ball before it landed in the net. By shortening the range of passing, speed and accuracy were increased.
R.Date at his lightest for almost four years, was the best forward on the ground and J.Lennard was not far behind him. Their omission from the second Test side is unthinkable.
G.Nunn led the line well and cooperated to the limit with Date and Lennard. His place is secure.
R.Lawrie is almost back to his best form. He is more comfortable as a wing half-back than as a pivot. K.O'Neill, on the opposite flank, did nothing wrong all day. P.Clarke, the young Victorian centre half-hack, is well worth another trial. A team which does not include Hearne and Almond is not Australia's best.
Almost immediately after the start Date rammed home a drive from 20 yards out after Nunn had run him into position. From that time Australia relinquished neither initiative nor force in attack. Nunn rounded two defenders after 20 minutes, judged the bounce well and scored with a good drive.
China, in a grand movement, beat the Australian, defence for Lee Chun Fat to score, but a minute later Lennard gave Australia its half- time lead of 3-1.
Date tricked two full-backs after 22 minutes in the second half and scored again. Australia then had the match "sewn up" and the subsequent goals by Ho Cheung Yau and Robertson were little more than incidental.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
8th. August 1953, 15.15	Brisbane Cricket Ground, Woolloongabba, Brisbane, Queensland			12000

Australia..1 v. Hong Kong Chinese XI..7

half time, Australia..1 v. Hong Kong Chinese XI..3

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Don Leo						GK	Yu Yiu-Tak (c)				
	RB	Cliff Almond						RB	Hau Yung-Sang				
	LB	Laurie "Lou" Hearne						LB	Tan Kai-Sow				
	RH	Robert Lawrie						RH	Chau Man-Chi	39			
	CH	Robert Madden						CH	Ng Kee-Cheung				
	LH	Kevin O'Neill						LH	Cheung Kam-Hoi				
	OR	Charles Stewart						OR	Ho Ying-Fun				
	IR	Jack Lennard						IR	Szeto Man				
	CF	Gordon "Bunny" Nunn						CF	Lee Chun-Fat	11, 36, X, X, X			
	IL	Reg Date	X(pk)					IL	Chu Wing-Keung	54			
	OL	Harry Robertson						OL	Hau Ching-To				

Team Coach	Viv. Chalwin	Team Coach	
	Tom Tennant	Team Manager	Kwok Ying-Shu
			Leslie J.Channing
Referee	J.Perotte		
Linesman	R.James		
Linesman	V.Robertson		

match report from the Sunday Mail, 9/8/1953, page 32 http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/98275727

The Chinese team gave Australia a Soccer lesson to win by seven goals to one in the second Test at the Brisbane Cricket Ground yesterday.
It was the heaviest defeat ever inflicted on an Australian Soccer team in Brisbane.
The worst defeat in Brisbane before yesterday's debacle was in 1923, when the Chinese won bv five goals to nil.
The wizardry of the Chinese ball control and positional play yesterday left most of the Australians floundering, and brought roars of applause from the crowd.
The Chinese hardly wasted a pass, and their flick passing, dummying, and inter-changing of positions left the Australians dumbfounded.
Yet their secretary and coach, Mr. Leslie Channing, was still not satisfied after the game.
Australian captain, Bob Lawrie, who has represented Australia continuously since 1941, said that the Chinese on yesterday's form were the best team he had ever played against.
From the kick-off, the superiority of the Chinese was never in doubt. The entire team played like a well-oiled machine. The Australians at the finish were exhausted by their fruitless chasing of the ball.
Chinese right half, Chau Man Chi, gave one of the greatest displays of ball control and passing ever seen in Brisbane.
Centre-forward, Lee Chun Fat, scored five goals, and was always in position to finish off pattern weaving moves.
China's cover defence, led by centre-half, Ng Kee Cheung, was so solid that goalkeeper, Yu Yiu Tack, had few difficult shots to deal with.
Twenty-year-old Ipswich goalkeeper, Don Leo, who was playing his first game for Australia, was one of the few Australians to show out.
Another Queenslander, Bob Lawrie, who played at right half, tried hard against overwhelming odds, but received little support.
After yesterday's woeful exhibition, there is no doubt that the Australian team could be strengthened by the inclusion of more Queensland players.
Australia failed to stand right up on their opponents as Queensland did last Tuesday.
The Australian attack was very weak. On the rare occasions that they looked aggressive, shots by Gordon Nunn, Reg Date, and Harry Robertson went wide.
Left half Kev O'Neill and right back Cec Almond, tried hard, but were out-classed.
Australia had the first chance to score five minutes after the game opened when centre-forward Nunn broke through the Chinese defences, and swerved his way to the goal mouth. But his shot went wide.
China attacked again and Australia's goalie Don Leo brought the crowd to its feet with a spectacular diving save from a shot by left wing Hau Ching To.
China opened the scoring after 11 minutes when forwards Lee Chun Fat and Chu Wing Keung dummied for Lee to make a successful shot at goal.
A few minutes later Australia was in a scoring position when left half O'Neill sent the ball to Nunn. But goalie Yu Yiu Tak saved well.
Leo covered a bad mistake by fullback Almond, who had sent the ball back to him. Chinese forward Hau Ching To intercepted the ball, and Leo had to dive at Hau's feet to save a goal.
Twenty-five minutes after China's first goal, Lee Chun Fat scored again while the defenders were protesting to the referee that he was off-side.
Three minutes later came a grand goal by half-back Chau Man Chi, who received a good pass from fullback Hau Yung Sang.

Date scored for Australia with a penalty kick when full-back Han Yung Sang handled the ball in the goal line a few minutes before half-time.
After half-time Australian right winger Stewart missed a difficult header, and Date, inside forward, shot wide from close in.
Chu Wing Keung netted the fourth goal after nine minutes, and only good work by Leo kept the scoring down.
Date missed a penalty kick awarded when Chinese centre half Ng Kee Cheung tripped him in the penalty area.
In the last eight minutes the Australian defence went to pieces, and Lee Chun Fat added three more goals from good combined play.
Attendance was 12,000 and receipts £2082.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
15th. August 1953,	Royal Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales (Sydney Showground)			21211

Australia..3 v. Hong Kong Chinese Xl..3

half time, Australia..1 v. Hong Kong Chinese Xl..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	William Henderson						GK	Yu Yiu-Tak (c)				
	RB	Cliff Almond						RB	Hau Yung-Sang				
	LB	Douglas Wendt						LB	Tan Kai-Sow				
	RH	Robert Lawrie						RH	Chau Man-Chi				
	CH	Ralph Walker						CH	Ng Kee-Cheung				
	LH	Kevin O'Neill						LH	Cheung Kam-Hoi				
	OR	Joe Wilson						OR	Ho Ying-Fun				
	IR	Joe Brambrough						IR	Szeto Man				
	CF	Alan Garside	55, X					CF	Lee Chun-Fat	X			
	IL	Malcolm Wild						IL	Chu Wing-Keung	86			
	OL	Harry Robertson	X					OL	Hau Ching-To	60			
Team Coach		Viv. Chalwin					Team Coach						
		Tom Tennant					Team Manager		Kwok Ying-Shu				
									Leslie J.Channing				
Referee		Harold Lonsdale											
Linesman		S.G.(Dick) Thorpe											
Linesman		R.J.Wright											

match report from The Sunday Herald, 16/8/1953, Sports Section page 7 http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/28672499
A disputed goal in the last 15 minutes enabled Australia to force a 3-all draw against the Chinese in the third Soccer Test at the Showground yesterday.
With the score at 2-all in a closely fought match, referee H. Lonsdale awarded Australia an indirect free kick for shepherding.
Left wing Harry Robertson drove the ball into the net.
The Chinese hotly contested the referee's decision in allowing the goal.
Captain Yu Yiu Tak protested that the ball had not touched two players before entering the net.
[The ball must, touch a player other than the kicker before a goal can be scored from an indirect free kick.]
The Chinese gesticulated with their hands and appealed against the decision.
Goalkeeper Yu ran after the referee and questioned his decision.
Lonsdale said that the ball had touched the back of one of the Chinese players.
However, the crowd hooted for several minutes afterwards.
Feeling ran high after the decision, and several fights broke out among spectators.
A Chinese, Mr. G.Lee, was treated in the Chinese dressing room after he had become involved in a fight with an Australian spectator.
Police intervened in several heated arguments.
A section of the crowd loudly hooted Lonsdale as he left the field.
The Chinese scored the final equalising goal from a free kick in the last four minutes.
The result was a reversal of form for the Chinese, who had won the first Test 4-1 and the second 7-1.
The Australian team put up a creditable performance in holding the clever Chinese to a draw.

Following tactics planned by coach Mr. Viv Chalwin, the players stood right up on their opponents.
They gave the visitors little room to play open football.
Australia's defence was particularly good, but the forward line had several weaknesses.
Chinese team manager Mr. Leslie Channing said afterwards: "We should have won. I cannot understand the referee's decision. The ball touched no one but the kicker before hitting the net. However, our team played below form to-day, and the scores are a fair indication of the match."
Captain Yu said in the dressing room: "The referee is always right, and we will make no protest. But we still feel that the free kick was not legitimate."
Australian coach Chalwin said that Australia now had the answer to the Chinese pattern football. "The Chinese must have room to execute their movements, and they didn't get it to-day. Our boys did well, but there will still have to be a few changes made."
The draw yesterday will keep the Test series alive.
A win yesterday would have given the Chinese the rubber their first in four tours of Australia.
British migrant centre-half Ralph Walker was outstanding as the pivot of Australia's defence. He was well supported by wing-halves Lawrie and O'Neill and full-backs Almond and Wendt.
But in the forwards, right-wing Joe Wilson was disappointing.
Penetration yesterday was left to the left flank, Robertson and Wild.
The score indicated the evenness of the match, but more accurate shooting by Australia's forwards might have given them victory.
Australia missed a penalty taken by Queenslander Max Wild in the first few minutes. Wild's kick lacked power, and keeper Yu punched clear.
Centre-forward Lee Chun Fat opened the score with a point-blank shot. Inside-right Szeto Man crossed to Lee after drawing opposing centre-half Walker.
With two minutes left in the first half, Allen Garside equalised for Australia. Garside drove a corner kick from Robertson into the net.
Garside put Australia in front for the first time in the present Test series 10 minutes after half-time. Garside headed in a free kick from Robertson.
All-three remaining goals also came from free kicks.
In the 15th minute, Australia was penalised for obstructing and Szeto Man took the kick. A speedy pass to Hau Ching To standing deep enabled the Chinese to equalise.
Australia again took the lead from Robertson's free kick but the visitors scored from another free kick when Lawrie was penalised for shepherding goalkeeper Henderson.
A crowd of 21,211 paid £3,780 to see the match.
Chinese, 3 (Lee Chun Fat, Hau Ching To, Chu Wing Keung) drew with Australia, 3 (A.Garside, 2; H.Robertson).

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
29th. August 1953,	Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria			16346

Australia..2 v. Hong Kong Chinese Xl..3

half time, Australia..1 v. Hong Kong Chinese Xl..3

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	William Henderson						GK	Yu Yiu-Tak (c)				
	RB	Cliff Almond						RB	Hau Yung-Sang				
	LB	Kevin O'Neill (c)						LB	Tan Kai-Sow				
	RH	Jack Mather						RH	Chau Man-Chi				
	CH	Ralph Walker						CH	Ng Kee-Cheung				
	LH	Angus Drennan						LH	Cheung Kam-Hoi				
	OR	Charles Stewart						OR	Ho Ying-Fun				
	IR	Allan Johns						IR	Szeto Man				
	CF	Alan Garside						CF	Lee Chun-Fat	36			
	IL	Malcolm Wild	25, X					IL	Chu Wing-Keung	18			
	OL	Harry Robertson						OL	Hau Ching-To	45			
Team Coach		Viv. Chalwin					Team Coach						
							Team Manager		Kwok Ying-Shu				
									Leslie J.Channing				
Referee		W.Bates											
Linesman		Gatt											
Linesman		McCarthy											

match report from The Age, 31/8/1953, page 13
Australia had no counter to the dazzling, scientific teamwork of the Chinese side, and were beaten, 3-2, in the fourth soccer Test at Olympic Park on Saturday.
The visitors were never fully extended.
They have won the rubber with three wins and one draw. One more Test will be played.
Official attendance was 16,346, and the gate receipts £3,303.
The Chinese defence completely blanketed Australia's forward line, which was ineffective as a unit.
Alan Johns, inside-right, worked tirelessly to star in the Australian attack.
On several occasions in the opening stages, Johns sent beautiful balls through the centre, only to see Garside waste the opportunity.
The intricate footwork of Chang Kam Hoi and Ho Ching To was outstanding. Their ball control repeatedly bamboozled the Australian defence.
Several times they danced around and beat their opponents without moving the ball.
The Chinese opened the scoring after 18 minutes play, and Australia equalised, through a drive from Wilde, seven minutes later.
The visitors then settled down. Under a sustained turret of power play, the Australian defence crumpled, and let the Chinese in for two more goals before half-time.
Henderson, the Australian goalie, had no chance with any of the scoring shots and performed well.
Australia scored the only goal in the second half, when Wilde again found the net.
Johns was well in the picture at this stage, and was unlucky to have two shots blocked.
Yu Yiu-Tak gave a superlative display of goalkeeping. His brilliant anticipation made the most difficult shots look simple.
Tan Kai-Sow, left-back, showed uncanny skill and judgement in the way he made long clearances by taking the ball on the volley.
CHINESE Xl..3 (Chu Wing-Keung, Lee Chun-Fat, Ho Ching-To) d. AUSTRALIA..2 (Wilde 2).
The Chinese Xl will end its Victorian programme with a match against a Victorian "Continental" Xl at St.Kilda on Wednesday.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
5th. September 1953, 15.10	Prospect Oval, Adelaide, South Australia			

Australia..5 v. Hong Kong Chinese Xl..0

half time, Australia..2 v. Hong Kong Chinese Xl..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	William Henderson						GK	Yu Yiu-Tak (c)				
	RB	Ron Adair						RB	Hau Yung-Sang				
	LB	Kevin O'Neill						LB	Tan Kai-Sow				
	RH	Jack Mather							Ho Cheung-Yau				
	CH	Ralph Walker						CH	Ng Kee-Cheung				
	LH	Alexander Scott Rattray							Chu Wing-Keung				
	OR	George Sanders	33(pk)					OR	Ho Ying-Fun				
	IR	Allan Johns							Szeto Man				
	CF	Gordon Nunn	40, 50					CF	Lee Chun-Fat				
	IL	Malcolm Wild						IL	Chau Man-Chi				
	OL	Harry Robertson	46, 88					OL	Hau Ching-To				
Team Coach		Viv. Chalwin					Team Coach						
							Team Manager		Kwok Ying-Shu				
									Leslie J.Channing				
Referee		S.Thompson											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Advertiser, 7/9/1953, page 11 http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/48922842

The Australian soccer team put up a remarkable performance against the Chinese in the Fifth Test at Prospect Oval on Saturday to win convincingly by five goals to nil.
This is the worst defeat the Chinese team has suffered since it arrived in Australia.
Although the Chinese team won the Test rubber when it defeated Australia in Melbourne last week, the Australian team took the field full of enthusiasm and with every intention of at least demonstrating to the Chinese team that Australia always fights to a finish.
The Australian team adopted a planned attack which worried the Chinese defence.
The Australian forwards were repeatedly supplied with the ball through the superior tackling of Adair and Rattray and clever forward movements initiated by the wing halves.
The Chinese half backs did not show the form of earlier games and consequently their forwards had to forage for the ball, so that when the ball did come into the Australian half of the field the forwards were out of position and the Australian defence easily cleared its lines.
After 40 minutes play, Ng Kee Cheung miskicked and Wild moved forward quickly with the ball ready to shoot goal, but was heavily tackled by Chang Kam Hoi and referee Thompson awarded a penalty kick to Australia.
Sanders took the kick and easily beat Yu Yiu Tak with a well directed shot.
Australia was in a determined mood and from an excellent combined move in which the ball travelled from O'Neill to Rattray, to Johns and finally to Nunn, who completely beat Yu Yiu Tak with an unsaveable shot.
Australia 2, China 0.
Those two goals seemed to spur the Chinese to greater effort and for a time the Australian goal area was full of Chinese players.
Lee Chun Fat and Ho Ying Fun both had attempts to score, but the Australian defence weathered the storm.
One minute after the restart, Nunn passed to Wild, who sent on to Robertson and the Australian left winger lofted a shot into goal which completely deceived the Chinese goalkeeper.
The Chinese at this stage appeared to lose confidence as the clockwork precision of the Australian defence and forwards was a revelation. They simply took charge of the game and kept the Chinese off the ball.
A good combined move by Australia finished with Wild lobbing the ball over Ng Kee Cheung's head to Nunn and the Australian centre forward cleverly headed the ball well out of Yu Yiu Tak's reach for Australia's fourth goal.
Five minutes from the end, Robertson accepted a past from Wild to score Australia's fifth and final goal.
The Australian team was the first Test team in which all States were represented and it was the best Australia has put in the field for many years.
Henderson had an easy day, but what he did was done cleanly and with confidence.
Mather played an outstanding game and seldom wasted a ball, and on this showing should be well in the running for future Test matches.
O'Neill played his usual solid game and has been Australia's most consistent performer in the Test series.
Western Australia's sole representative, Adair, was brilliant in the first half particularly, and was the find of the match.
Walker and Rattray also played well, and the forwards, after some erratic shooting in the first half, developed into a strong combination.

The Chinese were disappointing. Perhaps it was because the Australian defence never gave them a chance to settle, but they certainly did not show the sparkle and dash of earlier matches.
Australia 5, d. China 0.
Goalscorers - Australia. Nunn 2, Robertson 2, Sanders.
Best players - Australia, Adair, Mather, O'Neill, Walker, Johns; China. Yu Yiu Tak, Ho Ying Fun. Lee Chun Fat, Tan Kai Sow, Hau Yung Sang.

The Hong Kong Chinese XI had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-
18th.July 1953 New South Wales..4 v. Hong Kong Chinese XI..3 at the Royal Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales kick-off 14.30 Attendance..30,478
21st.July 1953 Sydney Metropolis..1 v. Hong Kong Chinese XI..3 at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales kick-off 15.00 Attendance..7,142
29th.July 1953 Northern Districts..2 v. Hong Kong Chinese XI..2 at the Cessnock Sports Ground, Cessnock, New South Wales Attendance..5,103
4th.August 1953 Queensland..5 v. Hong Kong Chinese XI..2 at the Brisbane Cricket Ground, Woolloongabba, Queensland kick-off 15.30 Attendance..3,253
12th.August 1953 Queensland..0 v. Hong Kong Chinese XI..3 at the Brisbane Cricket Ground, Woolloongabba, Queensland kick-off 15.30 Attendance..6,000
16th.August 1953 South Coast..2 v. Hong Kong Chinese XI..6 at the Wollongong Showground, Wollongong, N.S.W. Attendance..4,889
18th.August 1953 Granville District..1 v. Hong Kong Chinese XI..2 at Macarthur Park, Granville, Sydney, N.S.W. Attendance..6,133
22nd.August 1953 Victoria..0 v. Hong Kong Chinese XI..4 at the St.Kilda Cricket Ground, St.Kilda, Melbourne, Victoria
26th.August 1953 Tasmania..4 v. Hong Kong Chinese XI..6 at North Hobart Oval, Hobart, Tasmania kick-off 14.30 Attendance..1,500
2nd.September 1953 Victorian Continental XI..2 v. Hong Kong Chinese XI..5 at the St.Kilda Cricket Ground, St.Kilda, Melbourne, Victoria kick-off 15.00
7th.September 1953 South Australia..2 v. Hong Kong Chinese XI..2 at the Norwood Oval, Adelaide, South Australia kick-off 20.45

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
7th. August 1954, 15.10	Kensington Oval, Adelaide, South Australia			

Australian Xl..1 v. New Zealand..3

half time, Australian Xl..1 v. New Zealand..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Lord						GK	Bert Hiddlestone				
	RB	Jack Mather						RB	Tim Cooper	17(og)			
	LB	Guido "George" Pittoni						LB	William Westerveld				
	RH	Ron Adair						RH	Dennis Charlton				
	CH	Tom Jack (c)						CH	James Hunter (c)				
	LH	Les Suchanek						LH	Philip Traynor				
	OR	Charles Stewart						OR	Reginald King	46, 60, 89			
	IR	Franco Franchi						IR	Allan Smith				
	CF	Anatolius Kitas						CF	Alan Preston				
	IL	Adrian Harmsen						IL	Kenneth Olley				
	OL	Charlie Takacs						OL	Gordon Barker				

Team Coach		Team Coach	
		Team Manager	Jim Kershaw
		Assistant Manager	Bill Carruthers
Referee	J.Harvey		
Linesman		Squad List	Goalkeeper: Robert G.Hiddlestone
Linesman			Fullbacks: Tim Cooper
			M.Best
			Robert Morrison
			Half-backs: Keith Gibson
			William Westerveld
			Philip Traynor
			Dennis Charlton
			James C.Hunter (c)
			Forwards: Gordon W.Barker
			Charles Steele jr.
			Kenneth Olley
			Allan Smith
			Reginald Arthur King
			Alan Herbert Preston
			Fred J.Benge

match report from The Advertiser, 9/8/1954, page 9 http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/47595184

A dramatic goal in the first minute of the second half inspired a jittery New Zealand side against Australia in the soccer international at Kensington Oval on Saturday and put them on the victory road.
In the first half, when Australia led 1-0, the Kiwis could not get going.
Australia had most of the play, and cruised down the field merrily, giving Hiddlestone, the New Zealand keeper, some anxious moments.
When Australia scored in 17 minutes it was in accordance with the run of play.
It was an odd goal. Stewart, out on the right, flashed the ball across the goalmouth. Cooper, the Kiwis' right back, managed to connect - but he had the chagrin to see the ball trundling past his own goalkeeper.
Spurred on by their advantage, Australia laid seige to the NZ goal several times, but faulty finishing and some good clearances by Hiddlestone kept Australia from adding to its score.
Kitas, the SA centre-forward, and Hahnsen, the Tasmanian inside-forward, had some nice leading-up touches, but just couldn't turn them to account.
Half-time: - Australia, 1; NZ, 0
King, the NZ outside-right, was the big man of the second half.
His dynamic first-minute goal changed the whole complexion of the game. From a feckless, undecided combination, the New Zealanders went into things with gusto and gave the Australian defence a roasting.
After Lord had come to Australia's aid with several smart clearances, the Kiwis took the lead 20 minutes from the end.
Here again, King was Johnny-on-the-spot.
A ball was lobbed into the Australian goal area and as Lord and the Australian full-backs went far the ball, King - who had changed places with Preston at centre-forward - rose above them all to head the ball into the net.
Apart from some sporadic bursts by the Australian forwards, it was all NZ now.
Another dramatic goal - this time in the last minute and again by King - made the Kiwis cock-a-hoop.
Barker sent over a tempting cross; King was again in position - and it was all over.
Result:- New Zealand 3 Australia 1.
Goalscorers, NZ, King 3, Australia, Cooper (own goal). Best players, - NZ - Charlton, King, Hunter, Olley. Australia - Suchanek, Stewart, Lord.

match report from The Mail, 7/8/1954, page 44 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/58105127

New Zealand played solid, determined soccer to earn their victory over on Australian XI. at Kensington Oval today by three goals to one.
Both teams made one change in their original selection.
New Zealand replaced Steele with King on the right wing, and Australia played Takacs instead of Plateo on the left wing.
New Zealand's change was fortunate, as King scored all their goals.
NZ then attacked and an almost perfect cross from King was punched away by Lord, the Australian goalkeeper.
Australia were on top early and Kitas had a possible chance but failed to get the ball under control before the defence covered up.
Corners for Australia from both wings kept NZ on the defensive.
An attack down the left by Australia finished weakly when Takacs shot wide of the post.
Midway through the first half, Australia took the lead through a misunderstanding in the NZ goalmouth.
Franchi passed the ball to Stewart, who drove a medium-paced ground shot to the goals, where Cooper, NZ right back, cut across in front of Hiddlestone to put his foot to the ball.
In the resultant scrimmage, the ball rolled into the net.
In a five-minute burst, NZ had Lord working hard. King put a shot right across the goalmouth to miss the post by a foot, and then put in two terrific shots.
Chasing the ball to the line about 10 yards from the post, King slammed it at Lord, who could only block it.
From the rebound King drove in a high shot which Lord punched away for a comer.
Three minutes of play in the second half put NZ level. Barker took a shot from the left-hand edge of the penalty area. Lord dived at the ball, but he failed to hold.
With Lord spreadeagled, King put the ball into the net from close range.
At the other end of the ground, Stewart appeared to get the perfect chance when he cut in towards the goal from the corner of the penalty area. Instead of shooting, he attempted to pass to Kitas and Westerveld blocked the kick.
At this stage Australia were getting the best of play in midfield, but Hunter at centre half-back for NZ broke up their attacks.
From a free kick about 40 yards out Westerveld lofted the ball to the goal area, where Lord went with King in an attempt to punch the ball clear. Lord did not get to the ball, and King headed into an open goal to put NZ in front.
King, playing in the centre forward position, worried the Australian defence.
Kitas had a chance to equalise for Australia, but kicked the ball into a defender.
Stewart moved, to centre forward for Australia, but Hunter stopped him just as effectively as he stopped Kitas.
Play was delayed while Lord and King received attention after a heavy collision.
NZ then played their best soccer of the day. With victory in sight, their short passing moves carried them through the tired Australian team, and it was not surprising when King headed his third goal from a low pass from Olley on the left wing.
Final scores:- NZ, 3; Australia. 1.
Goalscorers - NZ: King (3). Australia: Cooper (t.o.g.).
Best Players - NZ: Hunter, King, Charlton, Traynor. Australia: Jack, Pittoni, Mather, Harmsen.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
14th. August 1954, 14.45	Melbourne Showground, Melbourne, Victoria			

Australia..1 v. New Zealand..2

half time, Australia..0 v. New Zealand..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	David Bone					1	GK	Bert Hiddlestone				
	RB	Jack Mather					2	RB	Tim Cooper				
	LB	Laurie "Lou" Hearne					3	LB	William Westerveld				
	RH	Ron Adair					4	RH	Dennis Charlton				
	CH	Tom Jack (c)					5	CH	James Hunter (c)				
	LH	Les Suchanek					6	LH	Philip Traynor				
	OR	Frank Sands					7	OR	Charles Steele jr.	7			
	IR	Harry Rice					8	IR	Alan Preston				
	CF	Gordon Nunn					9	CF	Reginald King	5	18		
	IL	Malcolm Wild		60			10	IL	Kenneth Olley				
	OL	Harry Robertson	75				11	OL	Gordon Barker				
SUBSTITUTES													
							12	CF	Fred Benge				18
Team Coach		Harry Brophy					Team Coach						
							Team Manager		Jim Kershaw				
							Assistant Manager		Bill Carruthers				
Referee		G.Gatt											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Age, 16/8/1954, page 13 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/205692236/19715428

Without star centre forward Reg King, who left the ground injured after eighteen minutes, New Zealand outplayed and out-manoeuvred Australia to win, 2-1, in the first soccer Test at the showgrounds on Saturday.
King collided heavily with Australia's goalie Bone and was replaced by Benge, under a tour rule permitting replacements before half time. King was taken to hospital and X-rayed. He suffered badly torn ligaments and a severely twisted knee.
The leg is in plaster and he will not play again during the visit.
New Zealand scored its two goals in the first seven minutes.
Moving swiftly into attack, the Kiwis hammered the Australian defence and Olley, at inside forward, netted with a shot that gave Bone no chance.
King, who was outplaying Australia's skipper Jack, scored next goal from a clever "header," that left keeper unsighted.
The Australians had no counter for the speed of the New Zealanders.
Repeatedly, it was left to Hearne, at left back, to clear the ball, with the remainder of Australia's defence hopelessly out of position.
The New Zealand wing halves, Charlton and Traynor, had the answer for every scoring attempt by the Australians.
Charlton popped up all over the field to break up attacks and, by clever distribution, send his side on the offensive.
Australia's defence was lopsided. Mather and Adair, on the left flank, were an ill-assorted pair, and the tendency of Mather to move upfield was a definite weakness.
On the other side Hearne and Suchenak were solid, but lacked the ability to put the ball to best advantage.
Nunn, leading the Australian attack, worked hard, but poor support from Rice and Sands nullified his efforts.
Hunter, pivot and skipper of New Zealand, shone with his anticipation of Nunn's piercing passes.
Soon after the start of the second term, inside forward Mal Wilde, who, with Nunn, was New Zealand's main danger, stubbed a toe.
Another knock aggravated the injury, and he left the field after 15 minutes.
He suffered a badly sprained ankle.
Although this left Australia with only 10 men, it seemed to give Robertson, wing, more room and, from then on, he became a danger.
Australia reduced the leeway when Robertson, flying high, headed home a cross from Rice to leave Hiddlestone standing.
Best for New Zealand: King (until injured), Hunter, Charlton and Cooper.
Australia's best were: Hearne, Bone, Robertson and Nunn.

match report from The Argus, 16/8/1954, page 17 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/23428157/1770412

New Zealand blasted its way to victory in exactly seven minutes in the first soccer match against Australia at the Showground on Saturday.

The final score, 2-1, was not a true indication of the match - but for extraordinary saves by goalkeeper Dave Bone and left back Lou Hearne the visitors' tally would have been much higher.

Taking advantage of a very weak defence, plus a vulnerable right flank, the Kiwis scattered the Australian half-back line when Barker, outside left, cleverly drew the full back to him before slamming a direct pass to team-mate Ollie, who sent a piledriver into the net in the first five minutes.

New Zealand repeated the manoeuvre with ease, straight from the kickoff.

New Zealand continued a relentless bombardment, and concentrated on Australia's right flank, but just as King was about to finish off a third attack he collided with the goalkeeper and was rushed to hospital.

Australia suffered a setback early in the second half, when Mal Wild, inside left, was injured. He, too, had to be taken to hospital.

Australia's only goal was scored 15 minutes before full time, when Harry Rice sent a perfect cross to Robertson, who cleverly headed.past Hiddelstone.

The only two Victorians in the team, Tom Jack (captain) and Harry Rice, both played well, but suffered severely from the lack of co-ordinated team-work.

Australia will not win a Test unless selectors make drastic changes in the team that played on Saturday.

Note:- Reg King returned to New Zealand on the 26th.August.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
28th. August 1954, 15.15	Brisbane Cricket Ground, Woolloongabba, Brisbane, Queensland			6400

Australia..4 v. New Zealand..1

half time, Australia..2 v. New Zealand..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Bill Henderson					1	GK	Bert Hiddlestone				
	RB	Tom Jack					2	RB	Tim Cooper				
	LB	Kevin O'Neill (c)					3	LB	William Westerveld				
	RH	Robert "Choc" Bignall					4	RH	Dennis Charlton				
	CH	Laurie "Lou" Hearne					5	CH	James Hunter (c)				
	LH	Cliff Sander					6	LH	Philip Traynor				
	OR	Charles Stewart	30, 88				7	OR	Charles Steele jr.				
	IR	Jack Lennard	50				11	IR	Fred Benge				
	CF	Gordon Nunn					9	CF	Allan Smith	52			
	IL	Malcolm Wild					10	IL	Kenneth Olley				
	OL	Harry Robertson	19				8	OL	Alan Preston				
Team Coach		Harry Brophy					Team Coach						
							Team Manager		Jim Kershaw				
							Assistant Manager		Bill Carruthers				
Referee		V.Robertson											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Match report from the Sunday Mail, 29/8/1954, page 34 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/101721383/10333622

Australian forwards Jack Lennard and Charlie Stewart played a big part in Australia's 4-1 victory over New Zealand in the second Soccer Test at Brisbane Cricket Ground yesterday.
Stewart scored two goals and Lennard one. The fourth came from a corner kick by Stewart which left winger Harry Robertson headed into the net.
Lennard, 9st 9lb, one of the lightest men on the field, gave a clever display at inside right.
His combined play with right winger Stewart was the highlight of a poor game.
The New Zealand defence had no answer to Australia's combined moves, which threatened danger throughout the game.
Stewart was always moving into the open to take a pass, and his centres were very accurate.
He also showed the ability to cut in strongly towards the goal and shoot when necessary.
Both the NZ manager, Mr. Jim Kershaw, and the captain, Jim Hunter, said that Australia was the better team on the day.
Although Australia won comfortably, their play seldom reached a high standard.
There was too much wild kicking, and very little constructive play.
The fairly stiff breeze which blew straight down the field may have had something to do with this, but Test players should be capable of controlling the ball better and keeping it on the ground.
The Australian defence was very solid throughout, and Bill Henderson in goal had very few shots to stop.
Australian full-back Kev O'Neill cleared the ball well, and Laurie Hearne at centre-half was strong in defence.
But most of the Australian defenders seemed more concerned with getting rid of the ball than in passing it correctly to the forwards.
None of the three Queenslanders in the team was seen at his best.
Right half Cliff Sander worked hard, but his passes were often astray.
Centre-forward Gordon Nunn missed a couple of easy goals, and inside left Mal Wild was not impressive.

19th Minute: New Zealand conceded a corner kick during an Australian attack. Right winger Charlie Stewart sent over a splendid corner swerving away from the goal. Left winger Harry Robertson, moved across well and headed the ball through a bunch of defenders into the net. Australia 1 - New Zealand 0.
30th Minute: Australian right-half Bob Bignall secured possession well inside his own half. He sent a long accurate pass to Stewart, who raced through to beat the New Zealand full-back Bill Westerveld and sent in a strong ground shot. It hit the inside of the far upright, and ricochetted into he net. Australia 2 - New Zealand 0.
This was the half-time score.
50th Minute: Australian inside right Jack Lennard passed cleverly to Stewart, who, when challenged by Westerveld, sent the ball back to Lennard. He took it in his stride, and cleverly shot over the head of the advancing New Zealand goalkeeper Bert Hiddlestone into the top corner of the net. Australia 3 - New Zealand 0.
52nd Minutes: New Zealand scored their first goal. Centre-forward Ken Olley flicked a pass through to inside right Allan Smith, who badly beat full-back Tom Jack to net with a hot drive. Australia 3 - New Zealand 1.
88th Minute: In a final Australian attack centre-forward Gordon Nunn passed well to Stewart, who bored in towards the goal and crashed the ball into the top corner of the net. Australia 4 - NZ 1.
Attendance was 6400. Takings £1200.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
4th. September 1954, 15.00	Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales			5798

Australia..4 v. New Zealand..1

half time, Australia..2 v. New Zealand..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
						START LIST							
	GK	Bill Henderson					1	GK	Bert Hiddlestone				
	RB	Tom Jack					2	RB	Tim Cooper				
	LB	Kevin O'Neill					3	LB	William Westerveld				
	RH	Robert Bignall					8	RH	Keith Gibson				
	CH	Laurie "Lou" Hearne					5	CH	James Hunter (c)				
	LH	Cliff Sander					6	LH	Philip Traynor				
	OR	Charles Stewart	X				7	OR	Charles Steele jr.	X			
	IR	Jack Lennard					11	IR	Fred Benge				
	CF	Gordon Nunn	X, X				10	CF	Kenneth Olley				
	IL	Bill Murphy	X				4	IL	Dennis Charlton				
	OL	Harry Robertson					9	OL	Allan Smith		X		
						SUBSTITUTES							
							12	OL	Alan Preston				X
Team Coach		Harry Brophy					Team Coach						
							Team Manager		Jim Kershaw				
							Assistant Manager		Bill Carruthers				
Referee		Dick Thorpe											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sun-Herald,5/9/1954, page 41 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/12643726/1081231

One of the smallest Soccer Test crowds ever saw Australia beat New Zealand 4-1 in the third Test at the Sports Ground yesterday.
Only 5,798 people watched the Australian team win the match and so take the series by two Tests to one.
The local players won comfortably, but the match was dull and unspectacular.
New Zealand had won the first test in Melbourne 2-1 and Australia the second in Brisbane 4-1.
New Zealand produced some brilliant flashes of play, particularly in the first half, but faded badly in the second half.
The New Zealand team were weakened by injury and several of the players were limping at the end of the game.
Bill Murphy, of Gladesville, and Cliff Sandor, of Queensland, made impressive debuts in the Australian team.
Murphy, who was a surprise selection was the most colourful Australian player and scored a fine goal.
Sandor, playing at left half, outshone all the Australian halves and backs for determination and coolness under pressure.
The New Zealand backs, Tim Cooper and Bill Westerveld were the side's best players, although Westerveld had some bad lapses in the second half.
Dennis Charlton was New Zealand's best attacking player, but tired badly.
The match began quietly with neither team showing any consciseness in attack.
Hiddlestone was playing with a strapped, dislocated finger.
The New Zealand forwards began to break through and bustle the Australian defence.
New Zealand nearly scored when Steele took a pass from Phil Traynor and shot at an awkward angle, but the ball struck the upright.
The New Zealand team was on top at this stage.
Charlton and Traynor were taking the ball directly through the centre and either passing to Olley, the centre forward, or getting the ball out to the wingers.
Australia only had chances to attack from amazing goal kicks by the Australian keeper, Bill Henderson, which travelled fully three-quarters of the length of the field.
Stewart took the ball away from Traynor and lofted a ball in front of the goal.
Australian centre forward Gordon Nunn and the New Zealand centre half Jim Hunter jumped for the ball and it fell between them.
In the following scramble Nunn got to the ball first and shot past Hiddlestone for the first score.
The match reached its best phase as first New Zealand and then Australia attacked with fast-running movements.
But the ball was kept high off the ground and the passing of both teams was uncertain, with possession continually changing hands.

Then Nunn bioke away on the left wing and sped towards the goal with only Cooper to beat.
At the last minute he cross-passed to Murphy, who shot while running hard and Hiddlestone had no chance of stopping the ball.
Just before half-time the New Zealand outside left, Allan Smith, left the field with an injured leg and was replaced by Allan Preston.
After half-time New Zealand started well in an attempt to even the score.
Traynor took the ball away from Bignell and passed to Steele, who ran in close and baulked before shooting past Henderson.
The New Zealand attack slowly faded and the Australians gradually assumed control of the game.
Nunn ran up quickly with the ball, beat Hunter and Cooper and shot to Stewart, who scored an easy goal.
Then Nunn scored his second goal, heading in a cross kick from Murphy a few minutes before the end.
Australia, 4 (G.Nunn 2, C.Stewart, W.Murphy goals), beat New Zealand, 1 (C.Steele).

It was also reported that:-
Ashes of two cigars, smoked in 1923, have become the Soccer Test "Ashes," won by Australia yesterday.
The cigars were smoked at a Soccer dinner by the Australian captain, Alec Gibb, and the New Zealand captain, George Campbell, after New Zealand had won the 1923 Test series.
They are contained in a silver safety razor case which was carried in the landing on Gallipoli by a New Zealand soldier.
The razor case is set in a casket made of Australian and New Zealand woods inscribed with a kangaroo and the New Zealand fern leaf.
The "Ashes" were presented to the Australian team at a dinner in honour of the New Zealand side last night.

New Zealand had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-
4th.August 1954 South Australia..2 v. New Zealand..3 at Norwood Oval, Adelaide, South Australia kick-off 20.45
11th.August 1954 Victoria..2 v. New Zealand..1 at the Melbourne Showground, Melbourne, Victoria kick-off 14.45
18th.August 1954 Granville District..3 v. New Zealand..0 at MacArthur Park, Granville, Sydney, N.S.W. kick-off 15.45
21st.August 1954 New South Wales..1 v. New Zealand..4 at the Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, N.S.W. kick-off 15.00, Attendance.. 4,881
25th.August 1954 Queensland..2 v. New Zealand..2 at the Exhibition Grounds, Brisbane, Queensland kick-off 20.00, Attendance.. 5,000
29th.August 1954 Northern Districts..1 v. New Zealand..1 at the Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, N.S.W. Attendance.. 6,500
5th.September 1954 South Coast..4 v. New Zealand..4 at Slacky Flat, Bulli, N.S.W. Attendance.. 3,500

1955

1955 was a very busy year, with three touring teams - Rapid Vienna, South China Athletic Association and South Africa. First to arrive was Rapid Vienna.

The registered name for Rapid Vienna is Sportklub Rapid, Wien (short name S.K.Rapid).
The team arrived in Sydney on the morning of 30th.June for a series of "test" matches and challenge games. They also played two games against the touring South China A.A. team.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
9th. July 1955, 15.00	Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales			

Australia..2 v. Rapid Vienna (Austria)..6

half time, Australia..1 v. Rapid Vienna..3

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Bill Henderson						GK	Walter Zeman				
	RB	Cliff Almond						RB	Paul Halla				
	LB	Kevin O'Neill						LB	Karl Honig				
	RH	Robert "Choc" Bignall						RH	Gerhard Hanappi				
	CH	Tom Jack (c)						CH	Karl Giesser	X, X			
	LH	Cliff Sander						LH	Robert Kaffka				
	OR	Sid Thomas						OR	Robert Körner				
	IR	Tom Rowles						IR	Johann Riegler				
	CF	Keith Learmonth	X					CF	Robert Dienst				
	IL	Malcolm Wild						IL	Bruno Mehsarosch	X			
	OL	Harry Robertson	X					OL	Alfred Körner (c)	X, X			

Team Coach	Tom Tennant	Team Coach	Franz Wagner
Team Manager		Team Manager	Max Gold
Referee	Ron Wright		
Linesman		Squad List	Goalkeeper
Linesman			
			Fullbacks
			Half-backs
			Forwards

Goalkeeper: Herbert Gartner, Walter Zeman
Fullbacks: Paul Halla, Karl Honig, Lothar Bilek, Walter Vybiral
Half-backs: Robert Kaffka, Gerhard Hanappi, Karl Giesser
Forwards: Johann Neuhold, Robert Körner, Alfred Körner, Robert Dienst, Paul Halla, Johann Riegler, Bruno Mehsarosch, Josef Bertalan

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 11/7/1955, page 8
Austrian Rapid scored two goals with a "ring in" ball during Saturday's Soccer Test at the Sportsground.
Rapid beat Australia 6-2 after leading 3-1 at half-time.
Rapid used the "ring-in" ball immediately after half-time.
It was under-inflated and more easily controlled than the standard ball.
Within five minutes of half-time Rapid had netted two brilliant goals.
Australia's coach, Tom Tennant, was the first official to notice the switch of balls.
He rushed up to Austrian Rapid manager Maxmillian Gold, and ordered removal of the ball.
Then Australian gear steward James Whyte walked up to a ball-boy and confiscated for illegal ball.
Under international rules of Soccer the referee is the only official who can pass a ball as fit for play.
Before the match referee Ron Wright tested three balls.
He declared them up to international specification.
Mr.Whyte handed one of the balls to the Austrians before the game.
They complained it was too hard and bounced too high.
After the match Australian players complained that the illegal ball threw them completely out of touch.
But it did not affect the Austrians, who had practised with the ball for an hour before the match.
Because the Austrians are artists at ball control the under-inflated ball gave them a big advantage over Australia.
The final score did not indicate the true trend of play.
Australia played brilliantly, but lacked the ability to finish off movements.
Because of this deficiency Australia narrowly missed four sound scoring chances.
Veteran Harry Robertson, a last-minute replacement for Bill Murphy, opened Australia's scoring.
Within five minutes Rapid had scored two goals and Australia developed an inferiority complex.
But the Australian defence, planned by coach Tom Tennant, did not break down.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
16th. July 1955, 15.00	Newcastle Sports Ground, Newcastle, New South Wales			18517

Australia..1 v. Rapid Vienna (Austria)..5

half time, Australia..1 v. Rapid Vienna..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Bill Henderson						GK	Walter Zeman				
	RB	Cliff Almond						RB	Paul Halla				
	LB	Kevin O'Neill						LB	Lothar Bilek				
	RH	Robert Bignall						RH	Gerhard Hanappi				
	CH	Tom Jack (c)						CH	Karl Giesser		X		
	LH	Cliff Sander						LH	Robert Kaffka				
	OR	Sid Thomas						OR	Robert Körner	X(pk)			
	IR	Spencer Kitching						IR	Bruno Mehsarosch				
	CF	Keith Learmonth						CF	Robert Dienst	X			
	IL	Ray "Bob" Neal	28					IL	Alfred Körner (c)	22, X			
	OL	Malcolm Wild						OL	Josef Bertalan	X			
SUBSTITUTES													
									Karl Honig				X

Team Coach	Alf Quill	Team Coach	Franz Wagner
Team Manager	Alex Cameron	Team Manager	Max Gold
Referee	Harold Lonsdale		
Linesman	H.S.Parker		
Linesman	K.Urwin		

Ray Neal is often shown as Bob Neal.
The Newcastle Morning Herald shows Spencer Kitching as R.Kitching.

match report from the Herald, Telegraph, Sun, Mirror (stike edition), 17/7/1955, page 8 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=lL5f5cZqq8MC&dat=19550718&printsec=frontpage&hl=en

The Austrian Soccer team went on to another grand victory when it outplayed Australia in every department of the code in the Second Test this afternoon. Austria won 5 goals to 1.

An unexpectedly big crowd of more than 25,000 was held spellbound when the Austrians took complete charge of the game in the second half and turned on a dazzling display of ball control, timing and judgement.

They probably could have added another three or four goals had they kept up the pressure, but they seemed to be more imbued with a desire to open up play and swing the ball all over the field just to give the crowd a thrill.

The Austrians had two goals on the board at half time and the score then flattered Australia who had managed to notch one themselves when Neal found the net.

The visiting stars soon doubled their tally when the game was resumed and most of the time had the home team running in circles.

The Australians were literally swept off their feet by the amazing precision of their opponents' play.

The Austrian's fantastic footwork and accurate heading on the rare occasions when the ball left the ground had the spectators gasping.

It seems obvious that the Australian selectors will consider further changes for future tests, on the desparate gamble that they might fluke a combination capable of at least giving the Austrians some sort of a serious tussle.

Some of our players looked hopelessly lost on the field today but it's problematical whether we could find anybody who would be able to plug the gaps that the Austrians can blast in an opponent's line with such ease.

match report from Newcastle Morning Herald, 18/7/1955, page 8

After spirited resistance in the first half of the second Soccer Test against Austrian Rapid on Saturday Australia wilted in the second spell.

Eventually Australia was beaten by more than the score of 5-1 indicates.

The match drew a record attendance for soccer to the Newcastle Sports Ground.

Officials said the crowd was about 20,000. The paid attendance was 18,517, and gate receipts were about £3000. The Australia - South Africa Test in 1949 drew 18,427 spectators.

"The crowd at the Newcastle - France Rugby League match was less than 21,000, but that game did not have the opposition from other sporting codes we did," said the Australian Association Secretary (Mr. F.R. Druery).

Few of the spectators left the ground before the end of what became a one-sided match.

Austrian Rapid led only 2-1 at half-time, when Australia could, with any luck, have been on terms. With the breeze to help it in the second half, Australia was expected to make a game of it, but its attacking machinery broke down, floundered badly and threw too much work on to the defenders, who slowed down under almost constant pressure.

The Austrians scored two quick goals and then took matters quietly, players seeming more intent on keeping out of harm's way than on running up a big score. They scored a "picture" goal before the end to make their superiority complete.

Despite their clear-cut victory the Austrians were not so impressive in either ball control or positional play as at Cessnock on Wednesday. They met a better defence, but it was not so strong as to worry them.

It was explained after the game that the Austrians liked neither the playing pitch nor the balls. A spokesman said the playing area was too hard and the balls too bouncy for the team's type of play. They found it difficult to control the impish ball and the ground was hard on their feet.

The Austrians probably flattered the Australians in the first half. They allowed them to run themselves into the ground and then, when they had no physical reserves on which to fall back in the second half, stepped in and "sewed up" the game with two quick blows.

Poor positioning by its centre-forward, K.Learmonth, cost Australia the chance of a goal in the second minute. From a corner by S.Thomas he was too close and could not control his header, which went high and wide.

The Austrians made two raids, but C.Almond, a good defender from start to finish, broke up both. In a clash of heads the Austrian left half-back, K.Giesser, ran off the field with blood streaming from a cut above his left eye. He was taken to hospital, where three stitches were inserted. K.Honig took his place.

Australia swung back into the game. Neal cutting out two defenders with a clever swerve, but Learmonth's shot was tipped over the bar by W.Zeman. A minute later Learmonth had another shot, but it was weak and Zeman's kick sent Austria into the attack again.

After 22 minutes A.Korner made a determined run with the ball close to his toes, brushed off four defenders and left W.Henderson, in Australia's goal, high and dry with a well placed shot.

Six minutes later Neal broke through, veered to the right, drew Honig and L.Bilek, and gave Thomas a perfect pass with the Austrian defence at sixes and sevens. Thomas crossed to Learmonth who, for once, did not dilly-dally, but put the ball past Zeman.

The brothers Robert and Alfred Korner, the schemers in the attack, moved downfield together, bringing R.Dienst into the movement before A.Korner switched pace and position to score his second goal and give Austria its 2-1 lead at half-time.

In the second spell Austria did not take long to assert its superiority with much improved ball control and positional play. A few of the players showed some temperament, but these outbursts were more childish than serious.

The third goal came when the left-winger, Bertalan, after a bewildering interchange of passes, gathered the ball again, caught Henderson on the wrong foot and scored.

With almost constant possession of the ball, the Austrians moved where they wished, A distracted Australian defender, trying to cover his goal, handled, and Robert Korner added Austria's fourth goal from the penalty spot.

Austria was then well on top and did almost as it wanted without trying too hard to run up a big score, although Almond, Jack and O'Neill continued to work hard in an effort to stop it. Before the end Neal and Almond hit the Austrian post and crossbar. Austria attacked immediately and Dienst, with a withering run, left defenders spreadeagled to score his side's fifth goal. The match petered out with Australia a well beaten team.

copied from www.ozfootball.net and "History of Soccer in Northern NSW" by Harry Hetherington (volume 7, page 93 and 92a)

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
16th. July 1955,	Melbourne Showground, Melbourne, Victoria			8000

Australian XI..3 v. South China Athletic Association (Hong Kong)..5

half time, Australian XI..2 v. South China A.A. ..4

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Peter Blunt						GK	Lau Kin-Chung				
	RB	Len Stedman						RB	Szeto Yiu				
	LB	R.Whittmann						LB	Lau Yee				
	RH	Bill Williams						RH	Luk Tat-Hay				
	CH	Max Luchessi						CH	Ko Po-Keung (c)				
	LH	William "Bill" Harburn (c)						LH	Chan Chi-Kong				
	OR	Frank Loughran	4, X					OR	Chu Wing-Wah				
	IR	John Moore						IR	Ho Cheung-Yau	8, X			
	CF	Peter Vidovic	X					CF	Lee Yuk-Tak	X			
	IL	Ermes Boz						IL	Yiu Cheuk-Yin				
	OL	Giuseppe "Joe" Plateo						OL	Mok Chun-Wah	X, X			

Team Coach		Team Trainer	Lee Wai-Tong
		Team Manager	Chan Nam-Cheong
Referee			
Linesman		Squad List	Goalkeeper: Lau Kin-Chung
Linesman			Fullbacks: Szeto Yiu, Lau Yee, Lau Chi-Ping, Tang Sum
			Half-backs: Luk Tat-Hay, Ko Po-Keung, Chan Chi-Kong, Lee Chun-Fat
			Forwards: Chu Wing-Keung, Chu Wing-Wah, Ho Cheung-Yau, Lee Yuk-Tak, Pau King-Yin, Tong Sheung, Mok Chun-Wah, Yiu Cheuk-Yin, Szeto Man

Lee Chun Fat, Szeto Man, Szeto Yiu and Chu Wing Keung were guest players for the South China A.A.

Frank Loughran is also shown as Frank Louchran and The Argus named him as Joe Lauchran for the Victoria v. South Africa game (7/9/1955).
Lau Kin-Chung is also shown as Lau King Chung. Luk Tat-Hay is also shown as Luk Tat-Hee
Some sources have the inside left for South China as Wau Chan Yau. This name does not appear in the squad list.
The Age has Yiu Cheuk Yin as a goal scorer.

John Moore is sometimes confused with Jim Moore (Canterbury-Marrickville).
R.Whittmann is also shown in some sources as R.Whittingham.

match report from the Herald, Telegraph, Sun, Mirror (stike edition), 17/7/1955, page 8 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=lL5f5cZqq8MC&dat=19550718&printsec=frontpage&hl=en
South China showed marked superiority in defeating a hard-battling Australian XI by 5-3 today.
A crowd of 8,000 watched a game full of thrills at the Showground.
South China kicked off, but Australia soon gained possession of the ball and attacked the Chinese goal.
Excitement ran high when Lauchson scored the first goal for Australia after four minutes.
South China equalised a few minutes later through inside right No Cheung Yau.
Australia were more than holding their own against the visitors and the Chinese goal had some narrow escapes.
It was fast open football, and South China were taking a while to warm up.
Midway through the half the Chinese, now well in their stride, clapped on two goals in as many minutes to take a 3-1 lead.
South China's rousing and positioned play was superior to Australia's.
Lauchson then scored again for Australia from short range, but South China found the net again in the closing minutes to give them a half time lead of 4-2.
In the second half South China stepped up the pace and soon added a goal.
Peter Blunt made some grand saves for Australia.
The lighter Chinese side was faster but the Australians were putting up a dour battle against superior tactics.
The crowd roared when Peter Vidovic scored for the locals to reduce South China's lead.
It was a hard struggle to the finish.

match report from The Argus, 18/7/1955, page 18 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/71668223/6567463
South China beat an Australian XI soccer team 5-3 at the Showground on Saturday - but it did not impress as a team that would beat a carefully selected and properly coached Australian team.
The Australian defeat can be put down to' two reasons - false economy by the Australian Association and outdated methods of play.
Australia was beaten before it took the field. Not one player knew what was expected by his team mate. None knew what the other fellow would do when he got the ball.
The team faced a carefully selected team of quick-thinking professional footballers trained in up-to-date soccer methods.
The Australian XI played good individual soccer - but there was no team work, too much square passing, and too much hesitation when in possession.
There can be nothing but praise for each player - every man did his best - but the handicap was too big.
Diminutive Frank Lauchran (Moreland) scored two of Australia's goals in his first international match. Both were scored in workmanlike fashion.
Peter Vidovic (J.U.S.T.) scored the other.
Yesterday's game, South China v. a Victorian XI, was almost called off by the manager of the Chinese team, Mr. Chan.
He feared that players might be injured in the virtual quagmire across the centre of Toorak Park.
The match, proved a repetition of Saturday's game against an Australian XI, South China winning 5-3.
Results:
SOUTH CHINA, 5 (Mok Chiun Wah 2, Ho Cheung Yau 2, Lee Yuk Tak), d. AUSTRALIA, 3 (Lauchran 2, Vidovic).

SOUTH CHINA, 5 (Ho Cheung Yau 3, Mok Chiun Wah 2), d. VICTORIA, 3 (Piercy 2, Lauchran).

match report from The Age, 18/7/1955, page 16
South China played well within itself to easily defeat an Australian XI, 5-3, at the show grounds on Saturday.
Clever ball juggling by the Hong Kong soccer side brought constant applause from the 10,000 spectators.
The positional play of the visitors was so good that at times it seemed they had more than 11 players on the field.
Australia never functioned as a team, and only sporadic attacks prevented the game from being one-sided.
South China dallied through the closing stages, but had Australia looked like being dangerous the visitors could easily have gone further ahead.
Highlight of the match was the brilliant play of Mok Chung Wah and his Australian opponent Stedman, who were best for their sides.
Australia took the lead six minutes from the start when Loughran netted after good groundwork by Stedman unbalanced the Chinese defence.
Swiftly moving into gear, South China swept into the lead with clever goals by Ho Cheung Yau and Mok Chung Wah.
Lee Yuk Tak scored the best goal of the game when he dribbled through the entire Australian defence.
Just before the interval, Loughran scored his second goal for Australia.
Again it was fine play by Stedman at full back that paved the way.
Not to be outdone by Lee Yuk Tak's brilliant solo run, Yiu Cheuk Yin also dribbled through and enticed Blunt from goal to score in the vacant net.
Vidovic made amends for missing two glaring chances when he scored Australia's third goal midway in the second half.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
23rd. July 1955,	Brisbane Cricket Ground, Woolloongabba, Brisbane, Queensland			11000

Australia..3 v. Rapid Vienna (Austria)..5

half time, Australia..1 v. Rapid Vienna..3

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Lord						GK	Walter Zeman				
	RB	Cliff Almond						RB	Robert Kaffka				
	LB	Kevin O'Neill						LB	Paul Halla	15			
	RH	Robert Bignall						RH	Karl Honig				
	CH	Joe Marston (c)	60(pk)					CH	Gerhard Hanappi				
	LH	Cliff Sander						LH	Karl Giesser				
	OR	Spencer Kitching						OR	Robert Körner	14			
	IR	Gordon Nunn						IR	Bruno Mehsarosch	37			
	CF	Bruce Young						CF	Robert Dienst	X, X			
	IL	Ted Drain						IL	Alfred Körner (c)				
	OL	Ray "Bob" Neal	44, 54					OL	Josef Bertalan				
Team Coach							Team Coach		Franz Wagner				
							Team Manager		Max Gold				
Referee		Bill Malcolm											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Ray Neal is often shown as Bob Neal.

match report from The Sunday Mail, 24/7/1955, page 32
Bitter protests against the refereee, Mr.Bill Malcolm, were made by Austrian Rapid Soccer team after they had beaten Australia by five goals to three in the third Test at the Brisbane Cricket Ground yesterday.
Rapid club director (Mr. Rudolf Shick) and the captain, Alfred Korner, claimed that Mr. Malcolm lost control of the game in the second half.
Their protests followed an incident about 15 minutes after half-time when the game was held up for several minutes while Austrian players protested against the referee's decision.
Two Australian forwards in quick succession charged the Rapid goalkeeper, Walter Zeman, while he had possession of the ball and his teammates clustered round the referee claiming a foul.
Play stopped while the players argued with the referee, and there was another outburst when he awarded Australia a penalty kick.
Zeman refused to stand in goal while the kick was being taken, and Australian captain, Joe Marston, tapped the ball into the empty goal.
Mr. Malcolm, who is one of the best referees in Queensland, said later he had awarded the penalty because Zeman kicked Gordon Nunn, the Australian centre-forward.
He said that he considered that Zeman had both feet on the ground when charged.
Mr. Shick said after the game; "We have had seven good games in Australia and one wrestle."
Rapid again gave a grand exhibition of ball control and positional play in the first half. But their outburst of temperament could have cost them the game in the second half.
The disputed penalty levelled the score 3-all for Australia, and then Rapid's play fell away badly.
They were penalised for frequent fouls, and it was not for some time that they again settled down to their short passing game to net two more goals before the end.
Before the incident which unsettled the Rapid players, Australia's play had shown much improvement and only fine defence kept them from scoring.
The improvement was largely due to a move by the Australian coach, Harry Brophy, who switched Queenslander Gordon Nunn from inside forward to his usual position at centre-forward.
Rapid's split-second passing to a man always running for the open space was their main asset but most of the Australian players showed they were rapidly learning the same technique.
Goalkeeper Ron Lord and full-back Cliff Almond stood out in the Australian defence, and Cliff Sander also did well.
English professional Joe Marston did not show up as well as expected as centre-half.
Gerhard Hanappi was the best of a strong Austrian defence, in which the full-backs, Paul Halla and Karl Honig, made few mistakes.
Centre-forward, Robert Dienst, and inside-forward, Alfred Korner, were always dangerous.
Rapid's first two goals were a trifle lucky.
Fourteen minutes from the start, Marston slipped on the wet ground and Robert Korner went round him to score.
A minute later full-back, Halla, cut through alone.
Lord dived and managed to knock the ball out, but it rebounded from Halla's knee into the net.

A fine drive by Bruno Mehsarosch from 25 yards out increased Rapid's lead eight minutes from the interval, but right on half-time, Neal scored Australia's first when he banged in a cross from Spencer Kitching.
Australia attacked hard on the resumption, and within nine minutes Neal scored his second goal.
Six minutes later Marston equalised with the disputed penalty.
For a while it seemed that Australia might gain a draw, but two more goals by Dienst in the closing stages put the issue beyond doubt.
Yesterday morning there was talk among the Austrian players at their hotel about not taking the field in the Test because they complained they had not received £600 promised by the Australian Soccer Football Association as part of the tour gates.
The Queensland Association promised to pay the £600 in cash after the Test, and this was done.
Attendance was 11,000 and receipts £2400.

copied from www.ozfootball.net and "History of Soccer in Northern NSW" by Harry Hetherington (volume 7, page 94 and 93a)

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
29th. July 1955,	Norwood Oval, Adelaide, South Australia			6000

Australian XI..3 v. South China Athletic Association (Hong Kong)..5

half time, Australian XI..2 v. South China A.A. ..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Bill Henderson						GK	Lau Kin-Chung				
	RB	Jack Mather						RB	Szeto Yiu				
	LB	Vic Ciampi	X					LB	Lau Yee				
	RH	Max Lucchesi						RH	Luk Tat-Hay				
	CH	Tom Jack (c)						CH	Ko Po-Keung (c)				
	LH	William "Bill" Harburn						LH	Chan Chi-Kong				
	OR	N.Ragno						OR	Chu Wing-Wah				
	IR	Henry Urbaniak	X(pk)					IR	Ho Cheung-Yau	X			
	CF	Bruce Young	X					CF	Lee Yuk-Tak	3, X			
	IL	Peter Vidovic						IL	Yiu Cheuk-Yin	X			
	OL	Ralph Piercy						OL	Mok Chun-Wah	X			
Team Coach							Team Coach		Lee Wai-Tong				
							Team Manager		Chan Nam-Cheong				
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Advertiser, 30/7/1955, page 30
Australia gave an excellent display against South China at Norwood Oval last night and was narrowly beaten by 5 goals to 3.
Every player in the Australian defence came up to expectations but the outstanding player was Ciampi, the SA full back.
Urbaniak, the SA inside-right forward was the best man in attack.
Jack (Victoria) who captained Australia, also gave an inspiring display.
South China's terrible twins, Mok Chun Wah and Yiu Cheuk Yin, again gave a dazzling display and formed the best wing on the field.
Some of their combined play left the Australian defence standing.
Lee Yuk Tak, son of the famous Chinese coach, gave an excellent display at centre-forward and caught two brilliant goals for the Chinese team.
A downpour of rain just before the kick-off made the ground treacherous.
The Chinese were early to attack and within three minutes Lee Yuk Tak left goalie Henderson helpless with a powerful drive.
A brilliant save by Henderson a few minutes later was loudly applauded and Australia went into attack.
A hand infringement against a Chinese defender brought a penalty kick to Australia and Urbaniak gave Lau Kin Chung no chance with a perfectly placed ground shot.
Exchanges were fast and even, the Australian defence tackling strongly in the heavy conditions.
A pile-driver by Ho Cheung Yau was cleverly picked up by Henderson and Mok Chun Wah shot past when a goal seemed certain.
Urbaniak was showing up well at inside-right for Australia, and a powerful shot by the SA player went inches past the post.
Almost immediately South China went ahead when Ho Cheung Yau sent a left-foot drive at lightning speed well out of Henderson's reach.
The pace was now terrific and with Australia pressing home an attack a great shot by Vidovic sailed narrowly past.
Australia was putting up a great show and Ciampi at left back wandered upfield to accept a pass from the right-wing and sent the ball crashing into the net for the equaliser.
The half-time score was Australia 2, South China 2.
The second half started off at a cracking pace, but neither side could gain any advantage for the first 10 minutes.
In a dazzling run Urbaniak beat several opponents and sent across goal to Young, who put Australia in the lead for the first time.
The Chinese seemed to say,"what you can do we can do better," and within half a minute the teams were again level.
A clever combined move left Mok Chun Wah in possession and Henderson did not see the ball as it flashed into the net.
At this stage the Chinese swarmed around the Australian goal and shot after shot was blocked by a desperate Australian defence.
At the Chinese end Lau Kin Chung dived among the bunch of Australian forwards to make a spectacular clearance.
Lee Yuk Tak put South China again in the lead from close range.

Urbaniak fell heavily in a clash with an opponent and the Chinese sportingly kicked the ball deliberately out of play to enable the player to receive attention.
In a spirited attack on the Australian goal China went further ahead when Yiu Cheuk Yin scored a fifth goal.
South China 5 d. Australia 3 goals.
Goalscorers - South China: Lee Yuk Tak 2, Mok Chun Wah, Ho Cheung Yau, Yiu Cheuk Yin. Australia: Urbaniak, Ciampi, Young.
Best players - South China: Mok Chun Wah, Yiu Cheuk Yin, Luk Tat Hay, Lau Kin Chung. Australia: Ciampi, Jack, Urbaniak, Henderson, Mather

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
30th. July 1955, 15.00	Melbourne Show Ground, Melbourne, Victoria			8500

Australia..1 v. Rapid Vienna (Austria)..4

half time, Australia..0 v. Rapid Vienna..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Lord						GK	Walter Zeman				
	RB	Cliff Almond						RB	Paul Halla				
	LB	Kevin O'Neill						LB	Lothar Bilek				
	RH	Robert Bignall						RH	Gerhard Hanappi	X			
	CH	Joe Marston (c)						CH	Robert Kaffka				
	LH	Cliff Sander						LH	Karl Giesser				
	OR	Syd Thomas						OR	Robert Körner	3			
	IR	Ted Drain						IR	Bruno Mehsarosch				
	CF	Don Hodgson	X					CF	Robert Dienst	X			
	IL	Keith Learmonth						IL	Alfred Körner				
	OL	Ray "Bob" Neal						OL	Josef Bertalan	X			
Team Coach							Team Coach		Franz Wagner				
							Team Manager		Max Gold				
Referee		Hutchinson											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Age, 1/8/1955, page 15 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=MDQ-9Oe3GGUC&dat=19550801&printsec=frontpage&hl=en

Austria Rapid continued its winning run with a 4-1 victory against Australia in the fourth test at the show grounds on Saturday.
A crowd of 8500 saw the match.
The Australian defence was magnificent in defeat, and showed true Australian fighting spirit throughout the game.
Had the Australian forwards played half as well, it is possible Rapid could have met its match.
Australia made a bold bid to take an early lead when it attempted to bulldoze through the Austrian defence in the opening stages.
Moving smoothly into action, Rapid, countered the opening burst and netted its first goal after three minutes of play.
Australia fought back strongly and mainly through the brilliant play of Lord in goal and Almond in defence, prevented the tourists scoring again in the first half.
Highlight of the half was a magnificent save by Almond, who flew across the goal mouth to clear the ball off the line when the Australian defence was spreadeagled by the brilliant footwork of Hanappi.
The second half opened sensationally when Australia met vigorous play by Rapid with heavy body charges.
These tactics appeared to rile the Austrians.
If the game had not been an international match at least two of the visitors would have received marching orders.
Rapid were lucky to increase its lead when the ball struck Marston, the Australian skipper, and was deflected past Lord, who had no chance to save.
Australia's forward rank was seldom a danger to Rapid, and this brought extra work on the defence.
Hodgson, playing his first international game, was seldom in position to receive the ball when Thomas, the only forward worth mention, broke through the Rapid defence.
This factor cost Australia goals. When Hodgson was properly placed, he received and scored from point-blank range.
Daring play by Ron Lord brought applause from the crowd, when he dived at the feet of Dienst, scooping the ball from the toe of the hard-hitting Austrian.
Almond and Marston also tackled fearlessly, and proved the value of their overseas experience.
Although it is hard to single out the best for the visitors - they played as a unit - Hanappi made it obvious why he is rated so highly in Europe.
Whenever Rapid was in bother it was Hanappi who popped up to take possession of the ball and send the Austrians into attack.
Toward the end of the match Australia's defence wilted under the strain of the precision passing of Rapid.
Run to a standstill, the gallant defence was unable to prevent Rapid from taking a comfortable lead.
FOURTH TEST: Austria Rapid 4 d. Australia 1.

match report from The Argus, 1/8/1955, page 16 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/71670994/6567797

Lack of condition played a major role in Australia's 4-1 soccer defeat by Rapid in the fourth Test at the Showground on Saturday.

The champion Austrian team was flat out right through the first half, scoring only one goal.

It was a vastly different match to the Victorian game *(27/7/1955)* , when Walter Zeman, the Rapid goalkeeper, was only a bored spectator. .

The first goal came after seven minutes, as a result of a carefully prepared plan in which Rapid again demonstrated the "loose man" tactics and attacked with six forwards.

But Joe Marston, Australian skipper, quickly countered this plan by playing the third back game to perfection, and the Austrians were forced to change plans.

Cliff Almond, right back for Australia, was the most outstanding man on the field. Time and again he broke up a well organised scheme which immediately forced the Austrians to defend.

On one occasion when the wiley Rapids enticed Ron Lord out of goal Almond dashed in and saved a certain goal right on the line.

The Australians showed that they are quick to learn. They played Austria at its own game and although lacking the finesse of its opponents, they had them worried.

Rapid clapped on the pace immediately after halftime, and for the first time the crowd of nearly 15,000 saw the Austrians following up the ball with lightning speed.

Temporarily upset by this sudden change of tactics, Australia made its one fatal mistake when it tried to "mix it."

This resulted in the Austrians scoring their second goal when the ball was defected off an Australian defender into the net.

The pace beat Australia, which, was tiring quickly under a constant barrage of short passing. The Aussies were forced to chase the ball again and again until breathless.

The magnificent keeping by Ron Lord kept the score down. With the defence slowed down to a walk, Lord alone kept the ball out.

Nineteen-year-old Don Hodgson, playing his first International game, scored Australian's only goal amid deafening applause from the big crowd.

From 20 yards out, the young Victorian sent a pile driver to the corner of the net, but Zeman, leaping like a panther, got his hands to it to turn for a corner kick.

From this, Syd Thomas neatly trapped and sent a short pass to Hodgson, who sent the ball sizzling into the net from a first timer.

Although Australia was beaten, it was not disgraced.

Given a few more games together, plus rigid training, this team would force either China or Rapid to a hard fought decision.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
6th. August 1955, 15.00	Brisbane Cricket Ground, Woolloongabba, Brisbane, Queensland			10500

Australia..0 v. South China Athletic Association (Hong Kong)..5

half time, Australia..0 v. South China A.A. ..5

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Lord						GK	Lau King-Chung				
	RB	Robert Bignall						RB	Lau Chi-Ping				
	LB	Kevin O'Neill	X(og)					LB	Szeto Yiu				
	RH	Bill Williams						RH	Luk Tat-Hay				
	CH	Joe Marston (c)						CH	Ko Po-Keung				
	LH	Cliff Sander						LH	Tong Sheung				
	OR	Cliff Almond						OR	Szeto Man	X			
	IR	Frank Loughran						IR	Ho Cheung-Yau				
	CF	Gordon Nunn						CF	Lee Yuk-Tak				
	IL	Keith Learmonth						IL	Yiu Cheuk-Yin	X			
	OL	Ray "Bob" Neal						OL	Mok Chun-Wah	X, X			
RESERVES													
	GK	Don Leo											
		N."Nobby" Clarke											
		Spencer Kitching											

Team Coach	Harry Brophy	Team Coach	Lee Wai Tong
		Team Manager	Chan Nam Cheong
Referee	Bill Malcolm		
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from The Sunday Mail, 7/8/1955, page 36

Australia received its worst Soccer defeat this season yesterday when South China won the First Test by five goals to nil at the Brisbane Cricket Ground.
Not since 1953, when the previous Chinese team won by seven goals to one in Brisbane, has Australia been beaten so decisively.
South China yesterday scored all the goals in the first half, when their clever passing and positional play tore the Australian defence to ribbons.
After the interval Australia showed much improvement and only the grand cover defence of the Chinese and weak shooting by the forwards prevented Australia from scoring.
The result illustrated the need for getting together for two or three days training prior to a Test.
Their play lacked cohesion in the first half, and several of the Chinese goals came from misunderstandings among the Australian defenders.
In the second half, however, the team worked much better together, as they became acquainted with each other's play.
Australian coach, former English professional, Harry Brophy, complained strongly at half-time that the Australian team had been changed without his knowledge.
He also said that he had not had the opportunity to give the players his customary tactical talk at the interval.
Australian Soccer Football Association president (Mr. S.Storey, M.L.A.), who is also chairman of selectors, said later the team had been altered with the consent of the captain, Joe Marston, and the two players concerned.
These were centre-forward, Gordon Nunn, and right winger, Cec Almond, who had switched positions because Nunn had a slight groin injury.
Mr.Brophy said it was the first time to his knowledge that a team had been changed without the consent of the coach.
If Nunn was injured he could have been replaced by a fit player, he said.
South China won with such ease because they were far superior in the basic principles of controlling the ball and passing accurately.
Mok Chun Wah, who scored two goals, and Yiu Cheuk Yin lived up to their nickname of the "Terrible Twins" on the left flank.
Danger always threatened when they had the ball, and Yiu in particular often left several defenders standing with tricky footwork.
The Chinese defence was exceptionally solid through-out, with half-backs, Ko Po Keung and Luk Tat Hay always too good for the Australian attacks.
Goalkeeper, Lau King Chung, made several fine saves under pressure in the second half.
Cec Almond, who began on the right wing and finished at centre-forward, was Australia's best player.
Inside forward, Frank Loughran, made some nice moves at times, and Gordon Nunn showed improvement at centre-forward in the first half.

As in the Brisbane test against Rapid, centre-half Joe Marston, failed to live up to his English reputation.
Full-back, Bob Bignall, and left half, Cliff Sander, played hard throughout, but goalkeeper, Ron Lord, though he made some good saves, did not look as safe as usual.
Attendance was 10,500 and receipts £1815.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
13th. August 1955,	Kensington Oval, Adelaide, South Australia			7000

Australian Xl..2 v. Rapid Vienna (Austria)..8

half time, Australian Xl..1 v. Rapid Vienna..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Lord						GK	Herbert Gartner				
	RB	Jack Mather						RB	Paul Halla				
	LB	Vic Ciampi						LB	Lothar Bilek				
	RH	Max Luchessi						RH	Gerhard Hanappi	X, X			
	CH	Ron Adair (c)						CH	Robert Kaffka				
	LH	Eric "Mick" Duff						LH	Karl Giesser				
	OR	N.Ragno						OR	Robert Körner				
	IR	Alan Johns	25					IR	Josef Bertalan				
	CF	Don Hodgson	X					CF	Robert Dienst	X, X, X, X, X			
	IL	Joe Wilson						IL	Johann Neuhold	X			
	OL	Ralph Piercy						OL	Alfred Körner				
Team Coach							Team Coach		Franz Wagner				
							Team Manager		Max Gold				
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Advertiser, 15/8/1955, page 10
Austria-Rapid, which scored a comfortable win over the Australian team at Kensington Oval on Saturday, before 7,000 people demonstrated the vast difference in physical fitness between professional and amateur soccer players.
The Rapid team has been playing all the year and on the present tour has been playing three games a week.
Tonight it will play South China in Melbourne, on Wednesday it will play Australia in Sydney in the fifth test and next Saturday it will meet South China in Sydney.
That night it will leave for Austria to begin the league programme in Europe on Saturday week.
It is a full-time job for these players and it is essential that they be at the peak of physical fitness.
The Australians ran themselves into the ground in the first half and were a tired and well-beaten team long before the finish.
In the last 10 minutes they could scarcely raise a gallop and the Austrians scored at will in the latter stages of the game.
When Johns scored the opening goal for Australia about 25 minutes after play began, the crowd enthusiastically cheered the Australians and it looked as though the Austrians were going to be extended.
The home team held its goal lead until a few minutes from the interval when first Hanappi and then Dienst notched two quick goals to enable the Austrians to lead by the odd goal in three at the change-over.
The second half started with the Austrians showing more pace than the home side and within seven minutes of the re-start Dienst put Rapid two goals ahead.
The Australians however, were not yet out of the picture and came back fighting with a well-taken goal from Hodgson after a clever forward pass by Johns.
But the superior condition of the Rapid players wore down the Australian defence to such an extent that it was one-way traffic to the Australian goal in the last 15 minutes.
Austria-Rapid 8, Australian Xl 2.
Goalscorers - Rapid, Dienst 5, Hanappi 2, Neuhold; Australia, Johns, Hodgson.
Best players - Rapid, Hanappi, Dienst, Kaffka, Bilek, A.Korner; Australia, Adair, Duff, Johns, Mather, Wilson.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
13th. August 1955, 15.00	Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales			7000

Australia..6 v. South China Athletic Association (Hong Kong)..1

half time, Australia..3 v. South China A.A. ..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Bill Henderson						GK	Lau King-Chung				
	RB	Cliff Almond	X(pk)					RB	Lau Chi-Ping				
	LB	William "Bill" Wilson						LB	Szeto Yiu				
	RH	Robert Bignall						RH	Luk Tat-Hay				
	CH	Tom Jack (c)						CH	Lee Chun-Fat		X		
	LH	Douglas Wendt						LH	Chan Chi-Kong				
	OR	Sid Thomas	X, X					OR	Chu Wing-Wah				
	IR	Frank Loughran						IR	Ho Cheung-Yau				
	CF	Albert de Paoli						CF	Chu Wing-Keung				
	IL	Bill Murphy	1, X	X				IL	Yiu Cheuk-Yin	X			
	OL	Clem Higgins	X					OL	Mok Chun-Wah				
RESERVES													
		Len Stedman											
		Bill Williams											
		Ray "Bob" Neal											

Team Coach	Tom Tennant	Team Coach	Lee Wai-Tong
		Team Manager	Chan Nam-Cheong
Referee	Jim Vickery		
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from the Sun-Herald, 13/8/1955, page 47
Australia scored its first win in an international Soccer match this season when it beat South China 6-1 in an incident-packed second Test at the Sports Ground yesterday.
Towards the end of the match, which was marked by heavy tackling and some vicious play, the South China team did not try.
After the match the crowd of nearly 7,000 hooted the referee Jim Vickery as he walked from the field.
Vickery gave a weak display of refereeing.
At some stages he appeared to lose control of the game.
The Australian selectors later announced that the team that played yesterday and four other players would train as a squad for the fifth Test against Rapid next Wednesday.
The four other players are Ron Lord, Joe Marston, Bill Williams and Ray Neal.
The coach of the South China team, Mr.Lee Wai Tong, said after the match that Vickery's refereeing was "unfortunate."
"Vickery was too lenient with the Australian players in the first half," Mr.Lee added.
"At half-time I told the players to remain cool and not lose their tempers."
During the first half the Australian players tackled hard, but not viciously.
After half-time the South China players, worried by the robust play, began playing the man.
One incident in front of the main stand mid-way through the second half was vicious.
Australian right half Bob Bignall took the ball from the South China outside right Chu Wing Wah, but was tackled and fell about 10 yards from the sideline.
Chu rushed up and, while Bignall was lying on the ground, kicked him in the back.
Players from both teams rushed up to the spot and Australian captain Tom Jack admonished Chu.
Club officials said after the match that Vickery should have dealt firmly with any rough play early in the game.
The South China players also claimed Vickery gave a wrong decision when Australia was leading 2-1 in the first half.
He awarded South China an indirect free-kick in the penalty area.
The Chinese, who argued with Vickery, claimed that a penalty awarded inside the penalty area should not be an indirect free-kick.
During the last half hour of the match the South China team showed no interest in the play.

In this period, Australia scored three goals and narrowly missed two others.
Right fullback Cliff Almond scored the last goal from a penalty kick.
The South China players apparently did not agree with Vickery's ruling on the penalty and the goalkeeper made no attempt to save.
Both teams lost a player during the second half - Bill Murphy, for Australia, and Lee Chu Fat for South China.
Murphy, who suffered cramps in the right leg, claimed a South China player had raked him with the studs on his boots.
He had several six-inch-long scratches down his leg.
One of the outstanding players in the Australian team was inside right Fred Louchran, of Victoria.
Louchran "roved" during the match, helped the defence when needed, and always figured prominently in attack.
Australia opened its score after one minute of the play, when inside left Bill Murphy hit a perfect shot into the net following a cross kick by outside right Sid Thomas.
Australia 6 (W.Murphy 2, S.Thomas 2, C.Higgins, C.Almond), beat South China 1 (Yiu Cheuk Yin).

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
17th. August 1955, 15.15	Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales			

Australia..3 v. Rapid Vienna (Austria)..2

half time, Australia..3 v. Rapid Vienna (Austria)..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Bill Henderson						GK	Herbert Gartner				
	RB	Cliff Almond						RB	Paul Halla				
	LB	Bill Wilson						LB	Karl Honig				
	RH	Robert Bignall						RH	Gerhard Hanappi				
	CH	Joe Marston (c)						CH	Robert Kaffka				
	LH	Doug Wendt						LH	Lothar Bilek				
	OR	Syd Thomas						OR	Johann Neuhold				
	IR	Frank Loughran	X					IR	Bruno Mehsarosch				
	CF	Albert de Paoli	X					CF	Robert Dienst			X	
	IL	Bill Murphy	X					IL	Alfred Körner (c)	X, X			
	OL	Clem Higgins						OL	Josef Bertalan				
Team Coach							Team Coach		Franz Wagner				
							Team Manager		Max Gold				
Referee		Sid Thorpe											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 18/8/1955, page 10 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZgg8MC&dat=19550818&printsec=frontpage&hl=en
Australia beat the Austrian Rapid Soccer team by three goals to two in the fifth Test at the Sports Ground yesterday.
The defeat was Rapid's first during its seven weeks' Australian tour.
Rapid was one man short for three-quarters of the match.
Centre-forward Robert Dienst was ordered off the field for the third time on the tour.
Referee Sid Thorpe sent Dienst off for striking Australian full-back Cliff Almond.
Secretary of the Australian Soccer Football Association, Mr.Roy Druery, said last night a report on the Dienst incident would be sent to the Austrian Soccer Association.
Australia played great football to lead 3-0 at half-time and withstood terrific pressure over the last 10 minutes to hold its 3-2 lead.
Sensational incidents followed the ordering off of Dienst.
● Dienst refused to leave the field and argued heatedly with Thorpe.
● Rapid captain Alfred Korner motioned to his team to leave the field, but was advised to continue the match by the team manager, Mr.Schich.
● Dienst was loudly hooted as Mr.Schich led him from the field.
Dienst had previously been sent off against Western Australia in Perth and against a New Australian team in Melbourne.
Before his departure yesterday he figured in an incident with the Australian goalkeeper Bill Henderson and punched Almond.

Henderson fell as he saved a shot at goal by Dienst, who kicked at the ball which Henderson had trapped under his body.
Almond rushed up and pushed Dienst, and the Austrian punched him in the stomach.
Almond fell to the ground winded.
The Austrian team, severly hit by injuries and jaded from travel, was soundly beaten.
In the first half, Australia produced its best Soccer this season.
The forwards combined well, and the backs were solid in defence.
Australia's goals all came from good team efforts.
Although playing with 10 men in the second half, Rapid fought back tenaciously.
The visitors reduced Australia's lead to 3-2 when Korner scored two magnificent goals from 20 yards out.
Rapid threw everything into the attack during the final five minutes of play, but the Australian defence did not weaken.
Australia, 3 (W.Murphy, A.de Paoli, J.Lauchran), beat Rapid, 2 (A.Korner 2).

The Rapid Vienna club had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-
2nd.July 1955 New South Wales..1 v. Rapid Vienna..7 at Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales, Attendance.. 17,100
6th.July 1955 Sydney Metropolis..4 v. Rapid Vienna..9 at Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales, Attendance.. 6,989
10th.July 1955 New South Wales..4 v. Rapid Vienna..4 at Slacky Flat, Bulli, New South Wales,
13th.July 1955 Northern Districts..1 v. Rapid Vienna..10 at Cessnock Sports Ground, Cessnock, New South Wales,
20th.July 1955 Queensland..1 v. Rapid Vienna..8 at Exhibition Ground, Brisbane, Queensland, Attendance..9,100
27th.July 1955 Victoria..0 v. Rapid Vienna..11 at St.Kilda Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Victoria, Attendance..3,000
31st.July 1955 Victorian XI..1 v. Rapid Vienna..3 at St.Kilda Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Victoria, Attendance..5,000
3rd.August 1955 South Australia..2 v. Rapid Vienna..14 at Adelaide, South Australia,
6th.August 1955 Western Australia..1 v. Rapid Vienna..6 at Subiaco Oval, Perth, Western Australia, Attendance.. 14,000
8th.August 1955 Western Australia..0 v. Rapid Vienna..10 at Subiaco Oval, Perth, Western Australia, Attendance.. 4,300
Matches against a Tasmanian XI (15th August 1955 at Launceston and 17th August 1955 at Hobart) were cancelled.

16th.August 1955 South China Athletic Association..0 v. Rapid Vienna..7 at Melbourne Showground, Melbourne, Victoria, Attendance.. 10,000
20th.August 1955 South China Athletic Association..4 v. Rapid Vienna..8 at Sydney Sportsground, Moore Park, New South Wales, Attendance.. 31,568

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
21st. August 1955, 15.00	Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, New South Wales			8100

Australia..0 v. South China Athletic Association (Hong Kong)..1

half time, Australia..0 v. South China A.A. ..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
						START LIST							
	GK	Bill Henderson						GK	Lau King-Chung				
	RB	Bill Wilson						RB	Szeto Yiu				
	LB	Cliff Almond						LB	Luk Tat-Hee				
	RH	Robert Bignall						RH	Chan Chi-Kong				
	CH	Joe Marston (c)						CH	Ko Po-Keung		X		X
	LH	Douglas Wendt		X		80		LH	Tong Sheung (c)				
	OR	Syd Thomas						OR	Szeto Man				
	IR	Frank Loughran						IR	Ho Cheung-Yau				
	CF	Albert De Paoli						CF	Lee Yuk-Tak	11			
	IL	Bill Murphy						IL	Yiu Cheuk-Yin				
	OL	Clem Higgins						OL	Mok Chun-Wah				
						SUBSTITUTES							
		Bill Williams				80			Lee Chun-Fat				X
Team Coach		Tom Tennant					Team Coach		Lee Wai-Tong				
							Team Manager		Chan Nam-Cheong				
Referee		K.Irwin											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 22/8/1955, page 10 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZgq8MC&dat=19550822&printsec=frontpage&hl=en

Souyht China beat Australia 1-nil in the third Soccer Test at Wallsend to-day to win the Ashes.
South China won the first Test 5-0 in Brisbane. Australia won the second Test 6-1 in Sydney.
Chinese teams also toured Australia in 1923, 1927, 1941, and 1953.
China's goal was scored by Lee Yak Tak, son of the team's trainer, Lee Wai Tong, who toured with the first Chinese team in 1923.
A record crowd of 8,100 saw the Test.
With the benefit of a breeze in the opening half, South China adopted close-passing tactics.
Their machine-like movements gave the tall Australian defenders many anxious moments.
Splendid defence by Henderson, Almond, and Marston kept them in check.
In the 11th minute South China opened the scoring after a sharp attack on the right wing.
Szeto Man beat two defenders and his low pass to the centre was taken by Lee Yak Tak.
Despite a great effort to save by Marston, Lee Yak Tak beat the goalkeeper Henderson with a low drive.
Soon after South China lost centre-half Ko Po Keung, who came down heavily after tackling Bill Murphy.
Australian back Bill Wilson suffered a painful eye injury, but resumed after attention.
With the advantage of a stiff breeze in the second, Australia was given a strong winning chance.
The Australian forwards, especially Murphy and Lauchran, failed badly in front of goal against the clever South China defence.
Shots by Bignall, Thomas and Murphy were blocked down by Chinese defenders, who threw themselves at the feet of the attackers.
The crowd roared when goalkeeper Lau Kin Chung emerged from a crowded goalmouth with the ball after Bignall had kicked hard for goal.
Australia kept up constant pressure, but the lack of direction in their kicking cost several goals.
Late in the second half Almond, who was Australia's bset player, brought down Mok Chun Wah, but China failed to score from the penalty.
Wah drove the ball against the posts.
In another goal-mouth scramble, Australian left-half Doug Wendt crashed after a heavy tackle and was carried off with a damaged knee.
He was replaced by Bill Williams in the 80th minute.
The South China men kept the ball moving away from their bigger opponents, who found difficulty in intercepting.
Australian coach Tom Tennant said the weakness of the Australian forwards in front of goal cost Australia the Test.

The Chinese manager, Chan Nam Cheong, said that the tour of Australia had produced only a slight profit, but the players and officials enjoyed the matches.
SOUTH CHINA 1 (Lee Yak Tak), beat AUSTRALIA 0.

match report from The Newcastle Morning Herald, 22/8/1955, page 10 by "The Onlooker"
South China defeated Australia 1-0 in the third Soccer Test, at Crystal Palace ground, Wallsend, yesterday to win the rubber by two matches to one.
Australia gave a sorry display and the forwards marred many scoring chances.
The 8100 spectators were treated to only a few exciting moments of play.
South China won because of its tenacity in defence in the second half and the ineptness of the Australian inside forwards.
Not more than five of the team deserved to wear the Australian jersey.
I have seen some poor Australian teams in the past 15 years, but never one so weak as yesterday's.
Apart from that of Cliff Almond, J.Marston, W.Wilson, R.Bignall and S.Thomas, the standard of play was not up to that of a club side. Yet it was the same side, with one exception, which defeated South China 6-1 eight days before and Austrian Rapid 3-2 on Wednesday. T.Jack was replaced at left full-back by W.Wilson.
The Chinese said they were tired after the hard match against Austrian Rapid on Saturday. Some of their play backed their words. But that did not help the Australian players. Most of them were even more listless.
The two goalkeepers were good - particularly Lau Kin Chung.
Cliff Almond was the best player on the field.
Marston, Wilson and Bignall passed muster, and Thomas improved out of recognition in the second half.
A smart tactical move by the captain, Tong Sheung, 13 minutes from full-time, played an important part in South China's victory.
At the time, the Australians were bombarding the South China goal in their most spirited efforts of the match, and seemed certain to break through because the Chinese defenders were tiring. The South China centre-forward, Lee Yuk Tak, came out of a heading duel with his nose bleeding. Without waiting for instructions, he ran from the field and laid down near the sideline while he was given attention.
The referee (Mr.K.Irwin) rightly blew his whistle for play to proceed. But Tong Sheung ran over to the sideline, grabbed Lee's feet and dragged him on to the field, still on his back. This caused play to be stopped again.
There was some argument about Tong's action, but it achieved his purpose. It gave his defenders a breathing space and broke the rhythm of the Australian attacks.
The Australians did not again achieve the ascendancy they had when play was stopped.
Lau Kin Chung made two good saves from strong, but poorly directed shots by de Paoli and Loughlan within three minutes of the start. This early promise of success led the Australian wing half-backs into the error of moving too far upfield. Ko Po Peung, quickly sizing up the position, sent his right wing away with a long clearance and Szeto Man made ground before sending a pass to Lee Yuk Tak who, despite an illegal tackle by Marston, kept the ball and banged it past Henderson, who had no chance with the drive.
This goal came as a surprise to most spectators and, perhaps, even to Lee Wai Tong, former China centre-forward and coach of the present side. He is Lee Yuk Tak's father. When his son scored, the chair on which Lee Wai Tong sat, collapsed and he fell to the ground.
This goal was followed by a long period of quiet play - so quiet that two dogs wandered on to the field without being in any danger from flying feet.
Then South China began to make raids down the right wing, but twice lost reasonable chances when forwards held on to the ball instead of passing to others who had moved to unmarked positions.
In an exchange with Marston, Ko Po Keung injured a leg and was replaced at centre half-back by Lee Chun Fat.
Australia immediately forced two corners, but both kicks were badly placed and easily cleared. A free kick by Thomas was well headed by de Paoli and turned round the post by Lau Kin Chung for a third corner, which Thomas kicked behind.
Then Ho Cheung Yau, South China's best forward, took a pass from Tong Sheung, and from about 25 yards out let go a terrific drive which smashed against the crossbar, causing it to reverberate like a zither.
Thomas, de Paoli and Murphy made progress, and Thomas lobbed a long pass to the feet of C.Higgins.
Higgins' shot - a good one - was turned for a corner, from which de Paoli shot for goal. Lau King Chung dived and pushed the ball round the post for a second corner, which was well cleared.
Ho Cheung Yau came back into the picture with a long powerful shot which missed the goal by inches, but hit a spectator behind the goal in the chest and knocked him off his feet.
Laughlan, from 15 yards out, shot a ball high over the bar as the half ended with South China leading 1-0.
The Australians were disappointed in their hopes of having the wind at their backs in the second half, for it died away to little more than a pleasant breeze.
South China was the first to be dangerous. Ho Cheung Yau hit the post with another grand shot, and made Henderson dive to save his shot from the rebound.
Almond and Wilson made good saves, and then Marston came from the clouds to boot a shot by Lee Yuk Tuk off the goalline when Henderson seemed beaten.
After this Australia started to gain the upper hand, but the forwards spoiled chances made by the defenders by standing flat-footed waiting for the pass instead of going to meet it. Wendt and Thomas tried with weak headers, and Murphy twice shot high.
Then Mok Chun Wau caught Almond on the wrong foot. Trying a sliding tackle, Almond slid into a dirt patch and brought down Mok Chun Wau when the ball stopped.
This gave South China a penalty kick but Mok Chun Wau tried to place the ball rather than drive it. The ball hit the post and was easily cleared.
At the other end, four shots by Wendt, de Paoli, Laughlan and Bignall were all saved by players coming from the clouds and kicking clear.
Thomas began to make inroads into the South China defence but had no support. Murphy sent a series of wild shots high and hard over the crossbar. Laughlan and Higgins were wide with drives when passes might have succeeded. Murphy sent his 11th shot in the match wider than those before it.
Henderson, with a goalkick, sent the ball 85 yards. South China's defenders were so much surprised at his big kick that one of them sliced the ball for a corner.
Wendt injured a leg and went off. W.Williams replaced him. It made no difference. Although Australia attacked to the finish, it did not seem likely to score.
It has been an unhappy international season for Australia so far. It has won only two of eight Test matches - and there are still five to be played against South Africa, which on its showing in Perth on Saturday, appears to be another good side.

The South China Athletic Association had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-

13th.July 1955 Victoria..1 v. South China Athletic Association..6 at St.Kilda Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Victoria, Attendance.. 3,000
17th.July 1955 Victoria..3 v. South China Athletic Association..5 at Toorak Park, Melbourne, Victoria,
20th.July 1955 Tasmanian XI..2 v. South China Athletic Association..11 at Northern Hobart Oval, Hobart, Tasmania, Attendance..1,500
23rd.July 1955 New South Wales..1 v. South China Athletic Association..11 at Sydney Showground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales Attendance..7,915
24th.July 1955 South Coast..4 v. South China Athletic Association..4 at Wollongong Showground, Wollongong, New South Wales
27th.July 1955 South Australia..0 v. South China Athletic Association..12 at Adelaide, South Australia
31st.July 1955 Northern Districts..3 v. South China Athletic Association..3 at Cessnock Sports Ground, Cessnock, New South Wales
3rd.August 1955 Queensland..4 v. South China Athletic Association..5 at Brisbane, Queensland
7th.August 1955 Queensland..3 v. South China Athletic Association..2 at Bundamba Rangers Ground, Ipswich, Queensland

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
3rd. September 1955, 15.00	Brisbane Cricket Ground, Woolloongabba, Brisbane, Queensland			5640

Australia..0 v. Union of South Africa..3

half time, Australia..0 v. Union of South Africa..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
						START LIST							
	GK	Bill Henderson						GK	Albert Uytenbogaardt				
	RB	Tom Jack						RB	Gordon Frew (c)				
	LB	Alec Duncan						LB	Maurice "Morrie" Jacobson				
	RH	Robert Bignall						RH	Ken Ziesing				
	CH	Joe Marston						CH	Roelof Oelofse				
	LH	Cliff Sander						LH	Malcolm Rufus				
	OR	Gordon Nunn						OR	Danny Le Roux				
	IR	Frank Loughran						IR	Harold Paton	X			
	CF	Colin Kitching						CF	Peter Hughes	88			
	IL	Jack Lennard						IL	Ian Palmer	2			
	OL	Clem Higgins						OL	Les Fourie				
						SUBSTITUTES							
		D.Bullock											
		N."Nobby" Clarke											
		Alwyn Warren											

Team Coach	Harry Brophy	Team Coach	
Team Manager	F.Hawthorne	Team Manager	J.E.Kennedy
Referee	Bill Malcolm		
Linesman	V.Robertson		
Linesman	L.Young		
		Squad List	Goalkeepers
			Albert G.Uytenbogaardt
			Aubrey John Tyrell
			Fullbacks
			John H.Hastie
			Gordon Frew
			Maurice "Morrie" Jacobson
			Brian K.Gibson
			Half-backs
			Roelof Johannes Oelofse
			Allan Clifford "Cliff" Jacques
			Malcolm Rufus
			Ken Ziesing
			Forwards
			Danny Le Roux
			Harold V. Paton
			Peter Hughes
			Ian Palmer
			Eric Brian Peterson
			Les Fourie

match report from The Sunday Mail, 4/9/1955, page 36

Australia lost the first Soccer Test against South Africa by three goals to nil at the Brisbane Cricket Ground yesterday without scarcely firing a shot.

It was South Africa's best win in 10 Tests between the two countries.

Never previously had Australia failed to score.

The Australian forwards were so poor and the South African defence so strong, that the big Springbok goalkeeper Albert Uytenbogaardt, did not have a hard shot to save throughout.

Play of both teams was much below international standard, there being too much wild kicking and inaccurate passing.

One relieving feature was the grand work of the Springbok defence led by captain Gordon Frew, which closed like the jaws of a vice on Australian attempts to get through.
Frew and his other full-back, Morris Jacobson, tightly supported by halves Roelof Oelofse, Ken Ziesing, and Malcolm Rufus, were always masters of the situation.
Even the wingers, Les Fourie and Daniel Le Roux, dropped well back at times to help in defensive tactics.
Yet this did not prevent them playing a main role in the attack.
The South African forwards were not impressive in front of goal, and centre-forward, Peter Hughes, missed several chances.
The Australian defence generally was sound, with half-backs, Joe Marston and Bob Bignall doing good work throughout.
Full-backs Tom Jack and Alec Duncan, managed to keep a fairly close hold on the wingers, Fourie and Le Roux, though at times were beaten by pace.
Main weakness in the Australian team was their inability to keep the ball on the ground and adopt short passing tactics with a man in the empty space.
The recent visits of Rapid and South China should have taught them the value of this type of play.
The forwards were the weakest to have played for Australia for a long time.
Centre-forward, Col Kitching, was too well marked to do much, but the inside forwards, Jack Lennard and Frank Loughran, showed little initiative.
Queensland wingers, Clem Higgins and Gordon Nunn, were also weak.
Australian coach, Harry Brophy, switched Loughran and Nunn midway through the second half, but the change had little effect.
South Africa took control of the game two minutes after the start and never looked like losing.
Half-back Malcolm Rufus took the defence by surprise when he hurled the ball 30 yards from a throw-in almost into the goalmouth for Ian Palmer to head in for the first goal.
Then Harold Paton netted with a hard drive from 25 yards out and South Africa led 2-0 at half-time.
The Australian defence looked like holding in the second half, but two minutes from the finish Hughes headed in from a fine cross by Le Roux.
Attendance 5600; takings £1085.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
10th. September 1955,	Melbourne Showground, Melbourne, Victoria			1809

Australia..0 v. Union of South Africa..2

half time, Australia..0 v. Union of South Africa..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
						START LIST							
	GK	Bill Henderson						GK	Albert Uytenbogaardt				
	RB	Cliff Almond				2		RB	Gordon Frew (c)				
	LB	Jack Mather						LB	Maurice "Morrie" Jacobson				
	RH	Robert Bignall						RH	Ken Ziesing				
	CH	Tom Jack (c)						CH	Roelof Oelofse				
	LH	Cliff Sander						LH	Cliff Jacques				
	OR	Sid Thomas						OR	Danny Le Roux				
	IR	Frank Loughran						IR	Harold Paton				
	CF	Colin Kitching						CF	Peter Hughes	86			
	IL	Keith Learmonth						IL	Ian Palmer	84			
	OL	Ralph Piercy						OL	Les Fourie				
						SUBSTITUTES							
		Arthur McCartney				2							
		B.Eastaway											
		E.Smith											
Team Coach							Team Coach						
Team Manager		C.Dodd					Team Manager		J.E.Kennedy				
Referee		W.Curren											
Linesman		Hutchinson											
Linesman		Gatt											

Arthur McCartney (half-back for Brighton, Victoria) is also shown as J. (John) McCartney in other sources.

match report from The Age, 12/9/1955, page 16 http://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=MDQ-9Oe3GGUC&dat=19550912&printsec=frontpage

Two goals scored in the last five minutes gave South Africa a 2-0 victory over Australia in the second soccer Test at the show grounds on Saturday night.
Australia suffered a disastrous blow in the first three minutes of the game when Almond, the best back in the country, slipped a knee cartilage and was replaced by McCartney.
McCartney played a fine game, but lacked the experience of Almond, who could have been a match-winner for Australia.
The first half produced nothing to excite the 2000 fans present, but in the second spell the thrills were fast and furious.
For 20 minutes it was South Africa versus Henderson, Australia's goalie.
Bouncing like a rubber ball, Henderson brought off a number of magnificent saves that few goalies in the world could make.
Always a crowd-pleaser, Henderson excelled himself and took the honor of the best man on the ground.
The inevitable happened towards the end of the game when the heroic Henderson was finally beaten - first by a beautiful low drive and then by a well-placed header.
Australia lost through the failure of its forwards to make deliberate assaults on South Africa's goal.
Instead, Australia elected to take the long way round through the wings, which allowed the South Africans to tighten their defence.
Many people thought the best soccer came from the curtain-raiser when, playing copybook soccer, the Latrobe Valley junior side thrashed a metropolitan junior side 5-1.

match report from The Argus, 12/9/1955, page 16 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/71694780/6564559

It looked a tie - then South Africans struck!

Two shock goals fire minutes before the end gave South Africa an unexpected 2-0 win in the second soccer Test against Australia at the Showgrounds, on Saturday evening.

Until the last-minute break through Australia had looked like forcing a draw.

The goal-hungry crowd was rewarded in the 85th minute when the Springbok's 18-year-old inside left, Brian Peterson, rammed in a hard shot, giving 'keeper Henderson no chance.

Seconds later the Springbok's outside right, Le Roux, repeated.

Owing to the vital league soccer match between Juventus and Polonia at the Maribyrnong Reserve earlier in the day - which attracted a crowd of 6,000 - a poor crowd saw the test.

Australia, a much improved side, was unlucky to lose as it had held the Springboks for 85 minutes. Until five minutes before the end it had played superb soccer.

Then the Springbok forwards broke through Australia's stone-wall defence and it was all over.

Australia's right-back Almond was injured within three minutes of the start when he slipped on the wet grass. His place was taken by reserve Macartney.

Australia's inside-right, Lauchran manoeuvred his way through the Springbok defence, but fell a few feet from the net to miss a "sitter."

Then outside-left Piercy kicking wide when also in a good position.

Australian 'keeper Henderson was outstanding and his clearing shots often went more than half-way down the field. It was mainly his sound 'keeping that kept the Springboks' attackers at bay.

Springbok's fast-moving forwards could find no answer to Australia's superb half-back play. Australia was more than holding its own at half-time, and if its forwards had not been so weak in front of goal it would have led at the interval.

copied from www.ozfootball.net and www.11v11.com (shown in bold italic) additional information from June 12 1994 programme Australia v. South Africa (supplied by Doug.Butcher)

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
17th. September 1955, 15.15	Kensington Oval, Adelaide, South Australia			3088

Australia..0 v. Union of South Africa..8

half time,

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
						START LIST							
	GK	Bill Mahoney						GK	Albert Uytenbogaardt				
	RB	Tom Jack						RB	Gordon Frew (c)				
	LB	William "Bill" Wilson						LB	Maurice "Morrie" Jacobson				
	RH	Ron Adair						RH	Ken Ziesing				
	CH	Joe Marston						CH	Roelof Oelofse				
	LH	Conrad "Con" Purser						LH	Cliff Jacques	X			
	OR	Syd Thomas						OR	Les Fourie	X			
	IR	Frank Loughran						IR	Harold Paton	X			
	CF	Albert De Paoli						CF	Peter Hughes	X, X			
	IL	Bill Murphy						IL	Malcolm Rufus	X, X			
	OL	Ralph Piercy						OL	Ian Palmer	X			
						SUBSTITUTES							
	GK	Leon Hill											
		Jack Mather											
		Anatolius Kitas											
Team Coach							Team Coach						
Team Manager		J.Hardy					Team Manager		J.E.Kennedy				
Referee		Joe Harvey											
Linesman		R.Abbott											
Linesman		C.Thompson											

match report from The Advertiser, 19/9/1955, page 8

The display of the Australian soccer team against South Africa at Kensington Oval on Saturday was far below expectation.

There were more recognised Australian stars in this line-up than in any other Australian side that has played in Adelaide, yet they were outplayed in almost every department and after the first 20 minutes they never looked like winning.

The South Africans gave the Australians an object lesson on how to win matches by snapping up almost every goal-scoring opportunity that came their way, while the Australian forwards frittered away several golden opportunities early in the game.

The Springboks are still undefeated and having won the first three of five tests have retained the soccer ashes.

The South Africans may not have given the same brilliant exhibition of passing and speedy action as that shown by the Soth Chinese and Austrian teams that played here recently, but they certainly have nothing to learn from these famous combinations in the way of scoring goals.

The eight-goal margin in no way indicated the run of the play and had the Australian forwards been as accurate with their final deliveries as the Springboks, the latter's winning margin could have been considerably reduced.

Joe Marston, the Australian team captain, has proved himself a better player than any in the Springboks combination, by virtue of his performances in England before his return to Australia this year, yet Marston, through lack of support on Saturday, did not show up half as well as the three South African half-backs.

The Australian inside forwards failed to come back into defence when required and this threw too heavy a strain on Marston in the centre of the field.

Tom Jack, another star Australian defender who has been a success in previous Test matches, was far too slow for the tricky South African winger Les Fourie, and the wing halves, Ron Adair and Colin Purser, while playing reasonably well, appeared to lack an understanding with their full backs and centre half.

This would indicate that there were many faults in defence, and there certainly were, but it was conclusively proved on Saturday that Australia's biggest problem is in attack.

South Africa will play a SA Continental XI at Norwood Oval tonight, and will leave for Sydney early tomorrow morning.

South Africa 8, Australia 0.

Goalscorers - South Africa; Hughes 2, Rufus 2, Jacques, Paton, Fourie, Palmer

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
24th. September 1955,	Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales			5431

Australia..0 v. Union of South Africa..6

half time, Australia..0 v. Union of South Africa..4

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
						START LIST							
	GK	Ron Lord						GK	Albert Uytenbogaardt				
	RB	Cliff Almond						RB	John Hastie				
	LB	Douglas Wendt						LB	Maurice "Morrie" Jacobson				
	RH	Robert Bignall						RH	Ken Ziesing				
	CH	Bill Wilson	85(og)					CH	Gordon Frew (c)				
	LH	Cliff Sander						LH	Cliff Jacques				
	OR	Ron Burns						OR	Danny le Roux	X			
	IR	Phil Peters						IR	Harold Paton	3			
	CF	Mildo Mueller						CF	Peter Hughes	X, X			
	IL	Ted Drain						IL	Ian Palmer	X			40
	OL	Kevin O'Neill						OL	Les Fourie				
						SUBSTITUTES							
	GK	Bill Mahoney							Malcolm Rufus				40
		Charlie Stewart											
		John Pettigrew											
		Bill Murphy											

Team Coach		Team Coach	
Team Manager	T.Tennant	Team Manager	J.E.Kennedy
Referee	Ron Wright		
Linesman	H.Inlay		
Linesman	S.Thorpe		

match report from The Sun-Herald, 25/9/1955, page 47

Spectators hooted the Australian Soccer players for their feeble display in the fourth Test against South Africa at the S.C.G. yesterday.
South Africa playing great football, beat the disjointed and demoralised Australian side 6-0.
The win gave South Africa its fourth successive Test victory over Australia this season.
Australia gave its worst display of the year.
Many times during the second half the crowd of less than 6,000 hooted and jeered at the Australians for their poor play.
The spectators became tired of seeing Australian players kick wildly at goal or lose possession of the ball near the South African goal.
South Africa has now established a unique record in Test matches against Australia.
In the four Tests so far played, it has scored 19 goals and has not had a goal scored against it.
No other team touring Australia has equalled this.
South Africa fully deserved its win.
From the opening whistle the team played sound, constructive football to which the Australian team had no answer.
For the first three minutes of the match Australia looked confident.
But then South Africa scored a quick goal and from then on took control.
After the match, team captain Gordon Frew said he was thrilled with his team's display.
"The boys are really playing great football now," he said.
Frew added that he was impressed with New Australian centre-forward Mildo Mueller, who played his first Test match for Australia yesterday.
"Mueller was always trying to do the right thing," Frew said. "With more support he would have been very dangerous."
Mueller was the only Australian forward to show any form during the match.
On the rare occasions on which he received the ball, he managed to do something constructive.
But most of the time he was left stranded by his inside forwards Phil Peters and Ted Drain.

Of the Australian defence, only Bignall, Sanders and Almond lived up to their reputations.
Down 4-0 at half-time, three of the Australian players switched positions in an effort to strengthen the attack.
The three players to change positions were centre-half Bill Wilson, left full-back Doug Wendt, and outside left Kev O'Neill.
Wilson moved to left full-back, Wendt to outside left, and O'Neill to centre-half.
This added to the confusion in the Australian team.
Its play became more pointless as the match progressed.
South Africa scored its first goal after only about three minutes' play.
Inside-right Harold Paton netted following good work by outside right Danny le Roux.
Le Roux made the next goal when he centred perfectly, after beating Wendt, for Palmer to net.
Then he scored himself to give South Africa a 3-0 lead.
Shortly before half-time South Africa suffered a setback when inside-left Ian Palmer left the field with a pulled muscle.
The only other fit member of the team, Malcolm Rufus, replaced him.
Australia had a chance to reduce South Africa's 5-0 lead 10 minutes after half-time when Drain took a penalty.
But the ball hit the goalpost and rebounded.
Peters then had a shot, but his kick went yards wide.
For the rest of the match Australia played pathetically.
The players, upset by the hooting of the crowd, became more and more astray with their kicking and passing.
Australia's weak display came to a climax five minutes from the end of play when left full-back Bill Wilson scored through his own goal.
South Africa 6 (H.Paton, I.Palmer, D. le Roux, P.Hughes 2, W.Wilson own goal) beat Australia 0.

copied from www.ozfootball.net and www.11v11.com (shown in bold italic) additional information from June 12 1994 programme Australia v. South Africa (supplied by Doug.Butcher)

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
1st. October 1955, 15.00	***Newcastle Sports Ground, Newcastle, New South Wales***			***2937***

Australia..1 v. Union of South Africa..4

half time, Australia..1 v. Union of South Africa..3

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
						START LIST							
	GK	Bill Henderson						GK	Albert Uytenbogaardt				
	RB	Cliff Almond						RB	Gordon Frew (c)				
	LB	Kevin O'Neill						LB	Maurice "Morrie" Jacobson				
	RH	John Pettigrew						RH	Ken Ziesing	9			
	CH	Alwyn Warren						CH	Roelof Oelofse				
	LH	Cliff Sander						LH	Cliff Jacques				
	OR	Charlie Stewart						OR	Danny Le Roux				
	IR	W."Bill" Paddock						IR	Harold Paton				
	CF	Alan Garside						CF	Peter Hughes	4, X, X			
	IL	Ken Vairey	39					IL	Eric "Brian" Peterson				
	OL	Ray Marshall						OL	Les Fourie				
						SUBSTITUTES							
		Jack Foster											
		R.Grant											
		Ray Atkinson											
	GK	Bill Mahoney											

Team Coach		Team Coach	
Team Manager	T.McDonald	Team Manager	J.E.Kennedy
Referee	G.Muir		
Linesman	Harry Lonsdale		
Linesman	K.Urwin		

Ken Vairey is also shown as Ken Vairy.
Eric Peterson is often shown as Brian Peterson and his family-name is sometimes shown as Petersen.

some sources have the goal scored by Ziesing as being scored by Danny le Roux.

match report from The Newcastle Morning Herald, 3/10/1955, page 10
Australia played its best Soccer of the series against South Africa in the fifth Test match at Newcastle Sports Ground on Saturday but its best was still not good enough and South Africa won 4-1.
South Africa won the five Test matches, scoring 23 goals against one.
Previously only the English professional teams of 1925 and 1950 had gone through a series against Australia without defeat.
The official attendance was only 2937 and gate receipts were £432 - an all-time low for a Test match in Newcastle.
The South African captain (Gordon Frew) and the team managers (Messrs. J.Kennedy and P.Murray) said the Australian team on Saturday had given the South Africans the hardest match of the tour.
Although they were well beaten, there was some spirit about the Australians' display.
Not once did any of them "throw in the towel."
It is regrettable that only one Australian selector (Mr. S.A.Delves) saw the match, which showed that Australia has a foundation on which to build a good side.
The newcomers to Test Soccer - J.Pettigrew (Cessnock), W.Paddocks (Cardiff) and K.Vairey (Granville) - should on this showing be sure of holding their places in international football next season.
Although out of his customary position, Pettigrew did a fine job at right half-back. His display showed why the South Africans suggested he should transfer to their country where, they said, he would quickly find a place in "big" football. But Pettigrew, after completing examinations, may try his luck in England in a few years.
Paddocks did well enough as an inside-forward to show that that is his right position not centre-half. He will develop as an attacker.
Vairey, who also had a good match, scored Australia's only goal in the series. Since the goal did not make any difference to the result, many regretted that it was scored, so preventing a record in international Soccer.
But South Africa can be well satisfied with its tour. Almost unheralded and forced to begin its tour when the glamour of international Soccer in Australia had worn thin, it has given outstanding displays, provoked no

incident and gained well-deserved popularity.
Saturday's match was notable for hard play. Australia's hopes of winning crashed when South Africa scored three goals in the first 14 minutes. Many thought that one, probably two, of these three goals were scored from offside positions, but they stand as goals and were the main factors in Australia's undoing.
Another factor was the Australians' persistence in balooning the ball - the great weakness in Australian Soccer to-day.
To keep the ball in the air against taller and heavier men, like the South Africans, is futile.
But for C.Almond, Australia's best player, K.O'Neill and Pettigrew, who were given some aid at times by C.Warren, the pivot, and C.Sander, the other half-back, South Africa would have doubled its score because its half-backs were able to dominate play by being given an almost continual possession by the Australians keeping the ball high.
There were no weak links in the South African team, although the forward line was playing together for the first time.
Its centre half-back, C.Oelofse, who had not expected to play again during the tour, was brilliant, as was the right half-back, K.Zeising. The other wing half-back, C.Jacques, was less spectacular but no less solid.
The forward line, a fine unit, was led splendidly by P.Hughes, who kept it moving by his clever distribution of the ball. He scored three goals and was such a menace to the Australian defence that he had even the usually phlegmatic W.Henderson, in goal, as uneasy as a cat on hot bricks.
Four minutes from the start Jacques drew two defenders and slipped the ball through to Hughes, who ran a few yards and then belted a great shot into the net. Five minutes later Le Roux fastened on to a pass from Zeising and crossed to Hughes, at the same time running into the unmarked inside left position.
His quick change unsettled the defence and he was in perfect position to take Hughes' pass and slam the ball past Henderson.
Then Oelofse ran his forwards into position and in a fine combined movement the ball finished in front of Hughes, who left Henderson standing.
There was much up-and-down field play after that but it was not till the 35th minute that there was any real excitement. Then Vairey, after a good run, hooked the ball over the head of the 6ft. 5in. tall Springbok goalkeeper, A.Uytenbogaardt, who groped feebly for it as it span away from him. It was his one error.
Australia began the second half as if intent on sweeping the South Africans off the field. Twice the forwards were unlucky not to break through but the South African defence held. A long kick by Frew to a neglected Hughes allowed the centre-forward to outpace a defender, draw Henderson and dribble the ball around him to fire it into an empty goal.
That was the end for Australia. It tried hard, but the South Africans took no chances. The game slowed down towards the finish.

South Africa had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-
20th.August 1955 Western Australia..1 v. South Africa..2 at the W.A.C.A. Ground, Perth, Western Australia, Attendance.. 6,329
24th.August 1955 Sydney Metropolis..2 v. South Africa..4 at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Sydney, New South Wales, Attendance.. 4,000
27th.August 1955 New South Wales..0 v. South Africa..2 at the Sydney Showground, Sydney, New South Wales, Attendance.. 4,590
31st.August 1955 Queensland..2 v. South Africa..3 at the Exhibition Ground, Brisbane, Queensland, Attendance.. 3,598
7th.September 1955 Victoria..2 v. South Africa..3 at the St.Kilda Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Victoria, Attendance.. 989
14th.September 1955 South Australia..1 v. South Africa..7 at Norwood Oval, Adelaide, South Australia, Attendance.. 2,198
19th.September 1955 South Australian Continental Xl..1 v. South Africa..4 at Norwood Oval, Adelaide, South Australia, Attendance.. 1,011
28th.September 1955 Northern District..1 v. South Africa..4 at the Cessnock Sportsground, Cessnock, New South Wales, Attendance.. 962
2nd.October 1955 South Coast..3 v. South Africa..8 at the Wollongong Sportsground, Wollongong, New South Wales, Attendance.. 2,177
4th.October 1955 Western Australia..1 v. South Africa..2 at the W.A.C.A. Ground, Perth, Western Australia, Attendance.. 3,719

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The Olympic squad played several trial games against State sides. The New South Wales Soccer Football Association referred to the Olympic squad as the Combined Australian XI.
The Courier-Mail and The Sunday Mail have the Olympic squad listed as the Rest of Australia, whilst other newspapers refer to the team as the Australian Olympic Squad.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
14th. July 1956,	Bayswater Oval, Perth, Western Australia			5240

Western Australia..1 v. Australian XI..4

half time, Western Australia..0 v. Australian XI..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Frank Franken						GK	Bill Henderson				
	RB	Noel Adair						RB	Robert "Choc" Bignall (c)				
	LB	Ron Adair						LB	John Pettigrew				
	RH	Conrad "Con" Purser (c)						RH	Robert "Bob" Wemyss				
	CH	R.Lynn						CH	Alwyn Warren				
	LH	Don West						LH	Cliff Sander				
	OR	Doug Stewart						OR	Don Brown				
	IR	Tom Clayton						IR	Spencer Kitching	65			
	CF	R.Churchward						CF	Colin Kitching	17, X			
	IL	William "Bill" Adair	X					IL	Graham McMillan				
	OL	W.McBirnie						OL	Brian Vogler	43			

Team Coach		Team Coach	
		Team Manager	
Referee	Ben Owenell		
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from The West Australian, 16/7/1956, page 21
Masterly displays by the wing halves, Bob Wemyss and Cliff Sander, were mainly responsible for the Australian team's 4-1 win over Western Australia in the Olympic trial soccer match at Bayswater Oval on Saturday.
Wemyss and Sander dominated the midfield play.
The 28-year-old, prematurely bald Wemyss played tirelessly in support of his forwards, and showed admirable anticipation in defence.
The speed, determination, and quick ground passing of the visitors surprised the W.A. players.
In the first half the nimble footwork of the visiting inside-left, Graham McMillan, made many openings. Australia's best forward after the interval was the fast inside-right Spencer Kitching.
For the first 15 minutes several dangerous attacks initiated by Bill Adair and Con Purser gave W.A. a slight advantage.
But gradually, through the efforts of Wemyss and Sander, Australia gained control and in the 17th minute took the lead.
Sander neatly "dummied" the W.A. defence, squared the ball through to the centre-forward, Col Kitching, who netted with a hard, low drive.
Just before the interval, the W.A. goalkeeper, Frank Franken, dropped the ball when hampered by an Australian forward, and the visiting outside-left, Brian Vogler, scored easily.
Two more goals in the first 20 minutes of the second half - one from a short drive by Col Kitching and the other from a knee-high hook shot by Spencer Kitching - put the Australian team in a commanding position.
The tenacity and hard tackling of the W.A. left back, Ron Adair, broke up many promising moves by the speedy Australian forwards.
Bill Adair, who netted the home side's only goal with a low shot shortly before the finish, was W.A.'s best forward.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
17th. July 1956,	Norwood Oval, Adelaide, South Australia			

South Australia..2 v. Australian Xl..3

half time, South Australia..1 v. Australian Xl..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Jim McCabe (Lion)						GK	Bill Henderson				
	RB	Charles Di Bartolo (Juventus)						RB					
	LB	Vic Ciampi (c) (Lion)						LB	William "Bill" Harburn				
	RH	Jack Mather (Juventus)						RH	Bob Wemyss				
	CH	Max Lucchesi (Juventus)						CH	Alwyn Warren				
	LH	G.Chiappin (Juventus)						LH					
	OR	N.Ragno (Juventus)	X					OR	Frank Loughran				
	IR	K.Welker (Juventus)						IR	Spencer Kitching	X			
	CF	Alec Beattie (Lion)	X					CF	Colin Kitching	X, X			
	IL	B.Esca (Juventus)						IL					
	OL	A.Costalunga (Juventus)						OL					
Team Coach							Team Coach						
							Team Manager						
Referee		Karney											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Advertiser, 18/7/1956, page 9
SA, playing brilliant soccer, was unlucky to be beaten 3-2 by the Australian Olympic squad at Norwood Oval last night.
The goal which gave the Australian team victory was hotly disputed on the ground that it was offside.
However, referee Karney had no hesitation in awarding the goal.
Both teams gave fast and spirited displays of soccer.
At no stage was SA out-matched by the Australian team and it was against the run of the play when the Australian team went to a two-goal lead mid-way through the first half.
The Kitching brothers each goaled.
South Australia hit back strongly and was rewarded with a splendidly taken goal by Beattie.
In the second half SA missed two scoring chances in exciting scrimmages in the Australian goalmouth.
Both goalkeepers had plenty to do and gave excellent displays.
South Australia equalised when Ragno headed in from a free kick.
Shortly before the end of the game, C.Kitching put the Australian team in the lead again and although SA attacked strongly, it could not break through.
Australia 3, SA 2.
Goalscorers - Australia - S.Kitching 1, C.Kitching 2. SA - Beattie, Ragno.
Best players - Australia - Wemyss, Henderson, Harburn, Loughran and Warren. SA - Lucchesi, Mather, McCabe, Chiappin, Beattie.

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
19th. July 1956, 14.45	Melbourne Show Ground, Melbourne, Victoria			300

Victorian XI..0 v. Australian XI..3

half time,

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Mannering						GK	Bill Henderson				
	RB							RB					
	LB							LB					
	RH							RH					
	CH							CH					
	LH							LH					
	OR							OR					
	IR							IR					
	CF							CF					
	IL							IL					
	OL							OL	Brian Vogler				

Team Coach			Team Coach	
			Team Manager	
Referee	Rodger Carr			
Linesman				
Linesman				
Squad List	Goalkeeper	Del Mannering (South Melbourne United)	Squad List	Goalkeeper	Bill Henderson
		A.Scott (Brighton)		Fullbacks	Robert Bignall
	Fullbacks	McIvor (Melbourne Hakoah)			John Pettigrew
		D.McIntosh (Melbourne Hakoah)			William "Bill" Harburn
	Half-backs	L.Goodman (Moreland)		Half-backs	Robert "Bob" Wemyss
		Tom Jack (Melbourne Hakoah)			Alwyn Warren
		Harry Sutherland (Melbourne Hakoah)			Cliff Sander
		Waitzer (Brighton)		Forwards	Don Brown
	Forwards	E.Vella (J.U.S.T.)			Spencer Kitching
		Dickson (Slavia)			Colin Kitching
		Cook			Frank Loughran
		Blackely			Graham McMillan
		Ralph Piercy (Melbourne Hakoah)			Brian Volger
		R.Malenovic			

match report from The Argus, 20/7/1956, page 18 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/71647133/6560477

Our Olympic soccer team played its first test match, against Victoria yesterday - and won 3-0…

But wait until it meets Hungary, Yugoslavia or Russia at the Games…. It won't be in the race.

This team must be very carefully pruned, trained and given a lesson in teamwork. Each position, with the exception of goalkeeper, must be analysed.

In fact, it needs a complete and thorough overhaul.

Instead of selecting a panel of names, Australian selectors must concentrate on players of today . . . not names of yesteryear.

Yesterday the cream of Australia's amateur soccer players selected for the initial Olympic team were lucky to beat a team of Victorian youngsters, many of whom have never represented the State. Only lack of teamwork and over-anxiousness in front of goal and the superb keeping of Bill Henderson gave victory to Australia.

And unless there is a complete reversal of form by this Australian squad, I expect Victoria to win next Sunday at the South Melbourne Cricket-ground.

match report from The Age, 20/7/1956

Less than 300 spectators saw the Australian Olympic trials soccer squad beat a Victorian XI 3-0 at the show grounds yesterday.

The game was marred by constant positional changes and the local side provided little opposition to the potential Olympic XI, which was never extended.

The touring side is likely to face stronger opposition on Sunday, when it meets the State team.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
21st. July 1956,	South Hobart Oval, Hobart, Tasmania			

Tasmania..1 v. Australian Xl..15

half time, Tasmania..1 v. Australian Xl..7

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Harry Wise						GK	Bill Henderson				
	RB	C.Robertson						RB	Robert Bignall (c)				
	LB	Terry Clark						LB	William "Bill" Harburn				
	RH	Benjamin Woods						RH	Bob Wemyss				
	CH	B.Lancaster						CH	Alwyn Warren				
	LH	Alexander Rattray (c)						LH	Cliff Sander	X			
	OR	T.Vessinger						OR	Sid Thomas	X			
	IR	Graham Arnott						IR	Spencer Kitching	X, X			
	CF	Walter Worsey						CF	Colin Kitching	X, X, X, X, X			
	IL	T.Patterson	45					IL	Graham McMillan	X, X, X, X			
	OL	Des Kenna						OL	Brian Vogler	X, X(pk)			
Team Coach		D.L.Smith					Team Coach		Richard Telfer				
							Team Manager						
Referee		G.Evans											
Linesman		A.Mackie											
Linesman		S.Kelly											

Alexander Rattray is also shown as Alec Rattray.

match report from The Mercury,22/07/1956, page 13
The Australian Olympic soccer trial team overwhelmed a Tasmanian side 15-1, in a hard, slogging game on a sticky South Hobart ground on Saturday.
Three Australian selectors watched the game, to see if any Tasmanian players, were of a standard to be admitted into the trial squad for matches in Sydney and Brisbane.
An announcement will be made after the Olympic trial team has played against Victoria.
The Australian team soon found its form on the heavy ground, and outplaying the Tasmanian side in all positions, drove down the wings for many scoring shots.
Tasmania shot for goal after four minutes of play, but lost the ball, and J.McMillan (Q.) scored the first goal for Australia.
Recovering well, Tasmania forced the ball to goalmouth, and good headwork by T.Patterson gave a scoring chance but A.Warren (Q.) was there to block the attack.
Still in attack, D.Kenna (South Hobart) forced the ball up the wing to Patterson, who shot for goal.
A dangerous goalmouth flurry resulted in Australia clearing the ball to the centre.
A few moments later J.McMillan placed a beautiful scoring shot with his head, that gave Tasmanian goalie, Harry Wise, no chance.
Centre-forward C.Kitching (Q.) headed a beautifully placed kick from R.Wemyss (V.) to score the third goal for Australia.
Tasmanian winger D.Kenna brilliantly carried the ball to a scoring position, but just missed a corner post.
Three quick goals from the Australian forwards, S.Kitching, C.Kitching, and J.McMillan completely outclassed a wavering Tasmanian defence.
Several times Tasmanian captain, A.Rattray, spooned the ball through the slushy centre to have it taken from him by Wemyss.
A neatly-placed shot by C.Kitching made the score 7-0.
Then, seconds before half-time, T.Patterson brought the Australian goalie, W.Henderson, to the ground, regaining control of the ball, and smashed in a perfectly angled shot to score the only goal for Tasmania.
After half-time, the Queenslanders settled down to an orgy of goal-getting.
The Kitching cousins quickly scored another three goals, and A.Vogler, also of Queensland, took a penalty and added yet another.
Despite Harry Wise's brilliant work in the goalmouth, J.McMillan scored from a scrimmage.
The Tasmanian forwards could make little impression on the fitter Australian defence, and the game was never in doubt.
S.Thomas, of Victoria, the only non-Queenslander who scored, added a goal late in the second half, and A.Vogler smashed one in to make the score 15 goals just before the final whistle.
Goalscorers: Australia; C.Kitching (5), J.McMillan (4), S.Kitching (2), A.Vogler (2), S.Thomas, C.Sander. Tasmania; T.Patterson.
Best: Australia; R.Wemyss, C.Kitching, S.Kitching, R.Bignall. Tasmania; T.Patterson, D.Kenna, B.Woods, H.Wise.

copied from www.ozfootball.net and John Punshon

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
22nd. July 1956,	South Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Victoria			4000

Victoria..0 v. Australian Xl..3

half time, Victoria..0 v. Australian Xl..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Ray Barotajs						GK	Bill Henderson				
	RB	H.Jakubowski						RB					
	LB	Cor Mathyssen						LB					
	RH	Tony Vella						RH	Bob Wemyss				
	CH	Tom Jack						CH					
	LH	Bob Zablocki						LH	Cliff Sander	44			
	OR	Sid Thomas						OR					
	IR	Frank Loughran		50				IR	Don Brown				
	CF	Don Hodgson						CF	Colin Kitching				
	IL	Sjel "Mike" de Bruyckere						IL	Graham McMillan				
	OL	Ted Smith						OL					

Team Coach	Len Young	Team Coach	
		Team Manager	
Referee			
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from The Age, 23/7/1976, page 17 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=MDQ-9Oe3GGUC&dat=19560723&printsec=frontpage&hl=en

Australia's Olympic trial squad defeated Victoria comfortably by three goals to nil before a crowd of 4000 spectators at South Melbourne cricket ground yesterday.
Shocking ground conditions robbed the game of the science expected, but Victoria was fortunate not to be beaten by a bigger margin.
Henderson in goal for Australia was outstanding.
Victorian Wemyss and Queenslander Saunders shone in midfield for the victors while Jack, who was called in to replace the injured Vivoli, played well at centre half for Victoria.
Whatever the Australian selectors thought about their team's performance it is obvious that Victorian selectors must weed out players who have had several chances and have failed miserably on each occasion.
A number of possible scoring chances for the local side were thrown away by the fumblings and uncertainty of former ????, Smith and Hodgson.
New arrival De Bruyckere showed up well at times.

match report from The Argus, 23/7/1976, page 16 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/71647681/6560535

The Australian Olympic soccer team beat Victoria 3-0 in a mud scramble yesterday at South Melbourne.
Because of the muddy conditions neither team was able to play a scientific game.
Victoria was forced to omit several of its star players through injuries on Saturday. Mac Vivoli, captain (concussion), Pepy Cubera, and Plateo, centre forward (injured toes).
To add to its bad luck, inside-forward Frank Loughran left the field five minutes after the start of the second half with an injured ankle.
Victoria had its chances to score in the first half, but inexperienced forwards failed to capitalise on good half-back moves.
Australia scored in the last second of the first half when Sanders headed neatly from a corner kick.
Then Loughran was carried off, and from then on Australia was on top.
The Australian squad played better as a team than it did on Wednesday. But it was difficult to assess its possibilities under conditions which hampered the players movements.

copied from www.ozfootball.net

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
4th. August 1956,	Heath Park, Brisbane, Queensland			3000

Queensland..2 v. Australian Xl..5

half time, Queensland..2 v. Australian Xl..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	John Speare						GK	Bill Henderson				
	RB	Gordon Kathage						RB	Robert Bignall (c)				
	LB	Ken Proudlock						LB	William "Bill" Harburn				
	RH	Norman Rule						RH	Bob Wemyss				
	CH	"Nobby" Clarke						CH	John Pettigrew				
	LH	Cliff Sander						LH	Robert "Bob" Young				
	OR	Forrest Cleeton						OR	Peter Stone				
	IR	Spencer Kitching						IR	Jack Lennard	X			
	CF	Gordon Nunn						CF	Malcolm Wild	X, X			
	IL	Alan Pitcairn						IL	Alec Beattie	X, X			
	OL	Brian Vogler						OL	Ray Neal				
Team Coach							Team Coach						
							Team Manager		Bill Thomas				
Referee		Bill Malcolm											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Alec Beattie is also shown as Alex Beattie.

match report from The Sunday Mail, 5/8/1956, page 37
Five goals in 23 minutes in the second half gave the Rest of Australia a comfortable 5-2 Soccer win against Queensland in an Olympic trial at Heath Park yesterday.
The first three goals came from clever play by Queenslander Mal Wild and Jack Lennard, of New South Wales.
Australian centre-forward, Alex Beattie, of South Australia, netted the other two.
Queensland's first defeat this season was due chiefly to the fact that they were forced to take to the field without four of their top players.
Forwards Col.Kitching and Graham McMillan and centre-half Al Warren were out with leg injuries, and full-back Alec Duncan was recovering from 'flu.
Recerves, Alan Pitcairn and Forrest Cleeton, came into the forward line, and "Nobby" Clarke and Ken Proudlock were brought into the defence.
Despite the changes, the State team put up a brave showing in the first half and led 2-0 at the interval.
A pep talk at half time by Australian manager Mr.Bill Thomas, had a magical effect on his team.
He told them to move faster on the ball and swing it about more.
The result was that the fast moving combined play of the Australian team in the second half cut the State defence to ribbons.
Apart from centre-half Clarke, the defence was out-manoeuvred, and the Australian forwards were allowed to do as they liked.
After a mediocre first half, the Rest turned on stylish football after the interval, and Queensland could find no counter to their fast, positional play.
The Wild-Lennard combination was a continual menace, and Beattie was always ready to pick up the loose ball.
Speedy Peter Stone on the right wing did some nice work.
The halves, Bob Wemyss, John Pettigrew, and Bob Young, ably supported the attack, and full-backs, Bob Bignall and Bill Harburn, were very solid.
Clarke was the only Queensland player to stand up to the strain of the second half.
Without much support, he continually stopped dangerous attacks.
Though beaten five times, John Speare, having his first game in goal for Queensland, did well enough to warrant another trial.
The absence of four of the regular players told on Queensland in the second half, and their play was far below the standard of the games against N.S.W. early this season.
The attendance was estimated at 3000.

copied from www.ozfootball.net

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
5th. August 1956,	Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales	Muddy pitch		

New South Wales..4 v. Australian XI..3

half time,

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Lord						GK	Bill Henderson				
	RB	William "Bill" Taylor						RB	Robert Bignall (c)				
	LB							LB	John Pettigrew				
	RH	William "Bill" Williams						RH	Bob Wemyss				
	CH	George Arthur (c)						CH	John Pettigrew				
	LH	Robert "Bob" Young						LH	Cliff Sander		X		
	OR	Bruce Morrow						OR	Don Brown				
	IR							IR	Frank Loughran	X, X			
	CF	Charlie Stewart	X, X, 70					CF	Alec Beattie				
	IL	Ray Neal	73					IL	Peter Stone	X			
	OL	Harry Robertson						OL	Edward "Ted" Smith				

Team Coach	Bernard Bryant	Team Coach	
		Team Manager	
Referee	R.Wright		
Linesman	H.Imlay		
Linesman	N.Vidler		
Squad List	Goalkeeper	R.Lord (Auburn)	Squad List
	Fullbacks	W.Taylor (Corrimal)	
		H.Murdoch (Balgownie)	
	Half-backs	W.Williams (Woonona)	
		G.Arthur (Wallsend)	
		R.Young (Corrimal)	
	Forwards	B.Morrow (Wallsend)	
		J.Kendall (Granville)	
		B.Young (Canterbury-Marrickville)	
		R.Neal (Canterbury-Marrickville)	
		H.Robertson (Leichhardt-Annandale)	
	Reserves	Dave Bone (West Wallsend)	
		Anthony Underwood (West Wallsend)	
		Eric "Mick" Duff (Balgownie)	
		Charlie Stewart (Woonona-Bulli)	
		Jack Lennard (Cessnock)	

The Illawarra Soccer Association "Role of Honour" has Eric Duff as playing.
Harry Murdoch is also shown as Harry Murdock.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 6/8/1956, page 13 NSW State Library call number RAV/FM4/461RR

N.S.W. yesterday gained a surprise 4-3 win over the Australian Olympic Soccer squad.
N.S.W. won 4-3 on a mudheap at Sydney Sports Ground.
It was the first loss for the Olympic squad in seven matches.
N.S.W.'s win was all the more surprising as the side was beaten 2-3 by Sydney Metropolis three weeks ago.
Centre-forward Charlie Stewart, a veteran of nearly 300 matches with the Woonona-Bulli club, spearheaded the N.S.W. attack.
He revelled in the heavy conditions and scored three fine goals.
Stewart is handicapped by a cracked bone in his right ankle which will not knit properly and causes his foot to tire towards the end of a match.
He came into the side at the last minute, when Canterbury centre-forward Bruce Young withdrew with an injured knee.
Stewart scored the best goal of the match when he "hitch-kicked" the ball over the advancing Henderson with his back to the net in the seventieth minute.
Canterbury-Marrickville inside-left, Ray Neal, angled a 20-yard drive past Henderson 17 minutes from full-time.
The N.S.W. team will now play a return match with the Olympic Squad at the Sports Ground on August 18, and a further trial may follow at Newcastle the following day.
Injuries weakened both sides yesterday.
The Olympic Squad lost key Queenslander centre-half Al Warren, inside-left, Graham McMillan, and centre-forward Col Kitching.
Left-half Cliff Sander's left ankle was badly swollen before he took the field, and he aggravated the injury within a few minutes of the kick-off.
N.S.W. wing halves, Bobby Young, also playing with an injured ankle, and Bill Williams, pushed the ball through accurately to their forwards.
The Olympic squad's right-wing pair, midget Irishman Frank Loughran, from Victoria, and Don Brown, combined superbly, and are almost certain to be kept together for the Games at Melbourne.
N.S.W., 4 (C.Stewart 3, R.Neal) beat Australian Olympic Squad, 3 (F.Loughran 2, P.Stone).

match report from the Daily Telegraph, 6/8/1956, page 31

Australia's Olympic Games Soccer squad yesterday had its first defeat in seven matches.
New South Wales defeated it, 4-3, at Sydney Sports Ground.
The match did little to enhance Australia's Olympic Soccer prospects.
Play became scratchy after the first 10 minutes.
Main reasons for the poor display were:
● A last-minute reshuffle of both teams.
● The muddy playing field.
● Indifferent team understanding.
The match was virtually an exhibition to enable selectors to try-out possible Olympic players.
Victorian Ted Smith, outside-left for the Olympic squad side, was the outstanding player on the field.
The Victorian Soccer Association asked for Smith's inclusion in the Australian team.
Smith is fast, clever, and accurate.
Queenslanders G.McMillan and A.Warren withdrew from the Australian team before the match.
Selectors dropped H.Murdoch, Bruce Young, and Joe Kendall from the New South Wales team.
Astuteness of coach Bernard Bryant won the match for New South Wales.
At half-time Bryant revised his team's tactics.
He instructed the wing-halves to play as extra forwards and told the backs to maintain a long-pass barrage to either wing.
These tactics were suited ideally to the heavy conditions.

copied from www.ozfootball.net and The Sun-Herald and John Punshon, additional information from "History of Soccer in Northern NSW" by Harry Hetherington (volume 8, page 9)

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
18th. August 1956,	Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales	Fine		

New South Wales..3 v. Australian Xl..1

half time, New South Wales..2 v. Australian Xl..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Lord (Auburn)						GK	Bill Henderson				
	RB	Bill Taylor (Corrimal)						RB	Robert Bignall (c)				
	LB	Harry Murdoch (Balgownie)						LB	John Pettigrew				
	RH	Bill Williams (c) (Woonona)						RH	Bob Wemyss				
	CH	George Arthur (Wallsend)						CH	Alwyn Warren				
	LH	Robert "Bob" Young (Corrimal)						LH	Cliff Sander				
	OR	Bruce Morrow (Wallsend)	25					OR	Don Brown				
	IR	Joe Kendall (Granville)						IR	Frank Loughran				
	CF	Bill Collins (Wallsend)						CF	Charlie Stewart				
	IL	Ray Neal (Canterbury-Marrickville)	5, 62(pk)					IL	Graham McMillan	76			
	OL	Geoff Campbell (Canterbury-Marrickville)						OL	Brian Vogler				

Team Coach	Bernard Bryant	Team Coach	
		Team Manager	
Referee	H.Imlay		
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from The Sun-Herald, 19/8/1956, page 36 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZqq8MC&dat=19560820&printsec=frontpage&hl=en

N.S.W. beat the provisional Australian Olympic Soccer squad for the second time in two weeks yesterday at Sydney Sports Ground.
The young N.S.W. team, won 3-1 after leading 2-0 at half-time.
Spearheads of its victory were South Coast wing-halves Bobby Young and Billy Williams.
They had a field day, working the ball upfield at will to put their forwards back on the attack.
N.S.W. beat the Olympic Squad 4-3 on a "mudheap" at the Sports Ground last Sunday week, and was also far superior on yesterday's flint hard field.
The Olympic squad looked much stronger on paper but could not settle down until the N.S.W. defence tired in the last 15 minutes.
The N.S.W. side featured crisp passing and running into the open spaces.
Victorian right-half, Bob Wemyss, upset what pattern there was in the Olympic side by wandering aimlessly out of position.
Tall Queensland centre-half, Al Warren, was another disappointment, but a large blood clot in his right leg hampered his movement.
Auburn's 14-stone red-headed goalkeeper, Ron Lord, was outstanding for N.S.W.
He has not been able to play or train for three weeks while a septic right shin has been healing, but his judgment yesterday was faultless.
Lord made many bear-like dives across the goalmouth to push shots around the uprights, and his aerial work was, as usual, excellent.
Canterbury inside-left Ray Neal opened the scoring for N.S.W. in the fifth minute when he angled a hard ground shot past Bill Henderson.
Williams slipped the ball sown the sideline to young Wallsend outside-right Bruce Morrow, who centred to Neal in the goalmouth.
Twenty minutes later Morrow, who was proving very elusive, cut infield and dribbled the ball down the centre, before leaving Henderson stranded with a hard drive.
Neal added a penalty in the 62nd minute.
Nippy Queensland inside-left Graham McMillan put the Olympic squad within reach of N.S.W. with 14 minutes remaining, when he cut through the centre and crashed the ball past Lord.
Olympic Squad left-half Cliff Sander played brilliantly until he aggravated an old ankle injury early in the first half.
N.S.W., 3 (R.Neal 2, B.Morrow), beat Australian Olympic Squad, 1 (G.McMillan), at Sydney Sports Ground.

copied from www.ozfootball.net and additional information from "History of Soccer in Northern NSW" by Harry Hetherington (volume 8, page 9)

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
19th. August 1956, 15.30	Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, New South Wales			

New South Wales..0 v. Australian Xl..1

half time,

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Lord (Auburn)						GK	Bill Henderson				
	RB	W."Bill" Mullen (Adamstown)						RB	Robert Bignall (c)				
	LB	Harry Murdoch (Balgownie)						LB	John Pettigrew				
	RH	Bill Williams (c) (Woonona-Bulli)						RH	Bob Wemyss				
	CH	George Arthur (Wallsend)						CH	Alwyn Warren				
	LH	Keith Grant (West Wallsend)						LH	William "Bill" Harburn				
	OR	Bruce Morrow (Wallsend)						OR	Peter Stone				
	IR	Joe Kendall (Corrimal)						IR	Jack Lennard				
	CF	Bill Collins (Wallsend)						CF	Alan Garside				
	IL	Ray Neal (Canterbury-Marrickville)						IL	Graham McMillan	X			
	OL	Geoff Campbell (Canterbury-Marrickville)						OL	Edward "Ted" Smith				
Team Coach							Team Coach						
							Team Manager						
Referee		Keith Urwin											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Newcastle Morning Herald, 20/8/1956, page 10

The final Olympic Soccer trial, won by an Australian Xl, 1-0 against N.S.W. at Wallsend yesterday, could only have added to selectors' troubles in choosing Australia's team for the Games.

If selection of the Olympic squad of 20 depended on form shown yesterday the selectors would, no doubt, discard at least 16 of the 22 players they saw.

But since this was the final trial it is logical to assume that most of the players who have found favour with the selectors in the trials were on view.

If that is so, the position is unhappy. Few of the players on yesterday's efforts could gain selection in a club minor team.

As a trial the match was a waste of time, effort and money. As a match it was a sorry disappointment.

Some of the kicking was particularly weak, the rest of it much too powerful, and none of it was accurate.

None of the players could have made their claims good, and some almost certainly ruined any prospects of further consideration.

The Australian Olympic squad is not expected to be announced till next month. That gives selectors a few weeks to ponder over their problems, but they should not allow the delay to dim their perspective of yesterday's happenings.

Some players - but very few - did well enough to merit a second look, but since the opposition on both sides was so apathetic the day's form is of no account.

The match proved once again that trial games are an unsatisfactory medium in a search for talent. They invariably produce poor football, with too much individual striving for prominence for any notice to be taken of a player who shines.

Neither W.Henderson nor R.Lord, the goalkeepers, would lose any marks for their work yesterday, but they would not gain any, either, since they had so little to do.

R.Bignall, W.Harburn and R.Wemyss, in the Australian Xl rearguard, passed muster, but no more. None of the forwards did anything to cause one to remember that he played in the match.

W.Mullen, of Adamstown, who was brought into the N.S.W. team as a full-back, found the occasion too much for him. H.Murdoch was only fair and W.Williams was very poor. G.Arthur, the team's stopper, was the best of the defenders and must be well in the running for selection. Bruce Morrow, on the right wing, was hampered because his team mates seemed to forget he was on the field while his opponents, well aware that he had lured them to destruction on Saturday, paid him too much attention. Bill Collins was a hard trier in the centre-forward position but was not given one decent pass throughout.

Keith Grant, of West Wallsend, did more than most half-backs might be expected to do. In this he was matched by Wemyss. They stood out because they tried to play football when so many others did not seem to care whether they did or not.

The Australian Olympic squad was basically the full international squad. At this time the Olympic football competition was restricted to amateurs - so were the Australian players amateurs?
This fact had been raised several times and in an article written by Eric Litchfield of the Sunday Times (Johannesburg), 30/7/1950 at the end of the 1950 South Afican tour, it was explored in some detail.

The Australian Test touring team's closest kept soccer secret is out. Bob Lawrie's players are professionals within the strict meaning of the term.
They receive a cash "cut" from their club's annual profits when at home. And if that does not make them professionals, I don't know what does.
One thing is certain. They cannot compete in that amateur of all amateur affairs - the Olympic Games.
Most Australian clubs are sponsored by businesses, says Dave Johnston manager of the Test touring team. "Players do not receive a match wage. They are given match expenses. At the end of the season a certain percentage of the profits is distributed among the players."
That is why the Australians put out feelers in the hope that the South African Football Association would grant them a bonus on the strength of the present tour's financial success.
Even the transfer market has spread to the Commonwealth. Here is what the "Sydney Morning Herald" published recently: "After several months' secret negotiations, Auburn last night signed up the former international goalkeeper, Ken Hough, from Drummoyne, at a fee of £25.
Hough represented Australia in New Zealand when Norman Conquest was not available for that tour.
Conflicting reports surrounded the transfer of Reg Date, well known to the 1947 Springboks. Officials estimated the fee was £100. Members of Bob Lawrie's team believed it was nearer £600.
Another Australian club tried to sign "Bunny" Nunn, the St.Helens (Queensland) centre-forward. The fee asked was £300. Is this the start of the transfer racket in the Commonwealth?
Anyway, players do receive cash. Whether South African Football Association officials knew beforehand or not, the fact remains that the Springboks drew this series with a side which ranks as professional.
South Africa could well afford to copy this Australian method of cash bonuses as a substitute for match wages. It might help curb the growing tendancy among players to migrate to overseas professional soccer.

Until the 1970s, Olympic athletes could not accept endorsements or prizes, and professionals were not allowed to compete in the Games. Athletes who practiced professionally were considered to have an unfair advantage over those who played sports as a hobby. Amateur athletes relied on private sponsorship, such as family members and wealthy fans, to fund their training and pay living expenses.

The whole question of professionalism was a denial of the facts by the International Olympic Commitee with many of the "amateurs" being in fully paid positions in the communist countries and there were few among the continental soccer authorities who took the idea of amateurism seriously.

The International Olympic Committee eliminated the necessity of amateurism in 1971, allowing athletes to receive compensation for time away from work during training and competition. In addition, athletes were permitted to receive sponsorship from national organizations, sports organizations, and private businesses for the first time. In 1986, professional athletes were given permission by the International Federation to compete in each sport of the Olympic Games.

However, in 1956 the Australian players were required to sign a declaration of amateurism on entering the Olympic village.
The definition of an amateur as laid down by Australian Olympic Federation was:-
"An Amateur is one who has never played, taught, pursued, or assisted in football as a means of livelihood or for precumary gain. It is permissible for an Amateur to play with or against professionals."

Several "practice" matches were played (mainly before the Olympic tournament) at Campbell Reserve, Coburg and the Olympic Village Oval, Heidelberg West. The exception being the game against the U.S.S.R. which was played at the Melbourne Showgrounds.
These matches were (apart from the U.S.S.R. game) ignored by the media and records have not been kept.
Unsuccessful searches of were made of The Age, The Argus, Moreland Leader, Moreland Community News, Coburg Courier, The Herald and the Sun News Pictorial (both Melbourne dailies) and The official report of The Organising Committee for the Games of the XVI Olympiad Melbourne 1956.
Enquiries at the Coburg Library and the State Library of Victoria were also fruitless.

Further enquiries were made with the Moreland City FC who contacted Ted Smith (outside left for Australia and Victoria). Ted played for Moreland from 1954 to 1961 and was later an Official, Coach and President from 1968 to 1973.
He confirmed that no official records were kept.

Cambell Reserve is the home ground for Moreland City FC, and Heidelberg United FC (formerly Alexander and Fitzroy United Alexander) play at the Olympic Village Oval.

copied from Ron Lord's diary, see Andre Kruger web page (http://www.ak-tsc.de/hp/oly1956/2Melbourne56.htm)

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
15th. November 1956, 20.00	Melbourne Showgrounds, Melbourne, Victoria	Rain		6000

Australia..1 v. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics..15

half time, Australia..1 v. U.S.S.R. ..7

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
						START LIST							
	GK	Ron Lord				45		GK					
	RB							RB					
	LB							LB					
	RH							RH					
	CH							CH					
	LH	Cliff Sander	7					LH					
	OR							OR					
	IR							IR					
	CF							CF					
	IL							IL					
	OL							OL					
						SUBSTITUTES							
						45							
						45							
						45							
	GK	Bill Henderson				45							
						45							
						45							

Team Coach	Len Young	Team Coach	Gavriil Kachalin	
Manager	George Smith	Team Manager	Vladimir Moshkarkin	
Assistant Manager	Roy Druery			
Referee				
Linesman				
Linesman				
Squad List	Goalkeepers	Ron Lord (Auburn, NSW)	Squad List	Goalkeepers	Boris Razinsky (PFC CSKA Moscow)
		Bill Henderson (Granville, NSW)			Lev Yashin (FC Dynamo Moscow)
	Fullbacks	Robert Bignall (Corrimal, NSW)		Fullbacks	Anatoli Bashashkin (PFC CSKA Moscow)
		John Pettigrew (Cessnock, NSW)			Boris Kuznetsov (FC Dynamo Moscow)
		Alwyn Warren (Blackstone, Queensland)			Anatoli Maslyonkin (FC Spartak Moscow)
		Conrad Purser (North Perth, WA)			Mikhail Ogonkov (FC Spartak Moscow)
		Bill Harburn (Hakoah, Victoria)			Nikolai Tishchenko (FC Spartak Moscow)
	Half-backs	Cliff Sander (St.Helens, Queensland)		Half-backs	Isoif Betsa (PFC CSKA Moscow)
		Bob Wemyss (Polonia, Victoria)			Igor Netto (FC Spartak Moscow)
		George Arthur (Wallsend, NSW)			Aleksei Paramonov (FC Spartak Moscow)
		Alexander Rattray (Caledomians, Tasmania)		Forwards	Anatoli Ilyin (FC Spartak Moscow)
	Forwards	Bruce Morrow (Wallsend, NSW)			Anatoli Isayev (FC Spartak Moscow)
		Peter Stone (Bankstown, NSW)			Valentin Ivanov (FC Torpedo Moscow)
		Ted Smith (Moreland, Victoria)			Vladimir Ryzhkin (FC Dynamo Moscow)
		Graham McMillan (Y.M.C.A., Queensland)			Sergei Salnikov (FC Spartak Moscow)
		Alec Beattie (Budapest, SA)			Nikita Simonyan (FC Spartak Moscow)
		Jack Lennard (Cessnock, NSW)			Eduard Streltsov (FC Torpedo Moscow)
		Colin Kitching (St.Helens, Queensland)			Boris Tatushin (FC Spartak Moscow)
		Frank Loughran (Moreland, Victoria)			
		Brian Vogler (Dunmore, Queensland)			

match report from The Argus, 16/11/1956, page 11 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/71765953/6562988
Perfect co-ordination of mind and body gave the Russian soccer team an overwhelming 15-1 victory against the Australian Olympic team at the Showground last night.
It was just a soccer lesson for Australia, and a crowd of 7,000 showed their appreciation of the dazzling display of the Russian players.
The Russians opened the scoring inside the first two minutes. Five minutes later, Australia equalised when Cliff Sander (Qld.) slammed a piledriver through the legs of the Russian goal-keeper.
But that goal was the beginning and the end of Australia's part in a one-sided match.
A feature of the Russian style of play was the ability of the players to control the ball when running at high speed. When the ball was passed from one player to another, it was placed in such a position that the receiver was travelling at full speed when he got to the ball.
Mr. Len Young, Australian Olympic coach, said after the game: "Tonight our boys were up against first-class footballers. They have taught our players in practice in 90 minutes what it would take to teach them in 90 days of theory."
Mr. Vladina Maszkarkin, manager of the Russian team, said: "I think the standard of the Australian game would improve very quickly if they had tougher opposition."

match report from The Age, 16/11/1956, page 20
Russia defeated Australia by 15 goals to one in adverse conditions in a pre-Olympic soccer match at the show grounds last night.
The Russians showed tremendous speed, complete ball control and unselfish team work to give 6000 soccer fans the best display of soccer seen in Melbourne since the English professional side played here.
The average age of the Russian team is 24 years, and it showed experience normally expected from a more mature eleven.
Demonstrating the complete superiotity of the Russians, they led by 7-1 at half time, and replaced only four players against Australia, which made nine replacements.
Of the Australians, only the two goalkeepers, Lord and Henderson, showed real class.
Commenting on the game, the Russian manager, Vladimir Maszkarkin, said: "The result does not matter. The game was played in true Olympic spirit, and was good training for both teams."
Results: Russia 15 goals d. Australia 1.

extract from Ron Lord's diary
We are not long back after having played the Russian and by now you will know by now we have gone down 15 goals to1.
These Russians are really good.
Nine of them play for the club side 'Sparta' and their control of the ball is a delight to watch. They'd have to be favourites to win the medal although the Bulgarians will make them earn it.
The 20 players in our squad all got a run, one half each. I played the first half and although it might sound strange to say this after having let 7 in, I was not unhappy with the way I played.
We played too square in defence. The first goal of the seven was from about 16 yards out and I was unsighted, 5 were from the ball being slipped through for their player to run onto and the last one was a header in the top corner.
There was a crowd of about 2,500 which wasn't too bad considering the night.

This match was not widely reported and even in the USSR it rated only a mention in the newspapers.
The following is the report in the publication *Sovietskiy Sport*, *No.136, 17/11/1956, page 7* supplied by the National Library of Russia.
Сборная СССР открывает турнир
Вечером 14 ноября проведена окончательная жеребьевка участников олимпийского футбольного турнира. Команд сейчас осталось всего одиннадцать.
Первый олимпийский матч состоится 24 ноября. Встречаются команды СССР и Германии. Затем 26 ноября играют Англия - Таиланд и 27 ноября Австралия - Япония.
Футболисты Индонезии, Индии, Болгарии выходят в четверть-финалы без игры и встретятся с победителями указанных выше матчей. Эти четверть-финалы состоятся 29 и 30 ноября и 1 декабря.
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Команды США и Югославии также начинают борьбу сразу с четверть-финала, и их встреча между собой 28 ноября определит первого полуфиналиста. Полуфиналы будут проведены 4 и 5 декабря, финал - 8 декабря.
Советские футболисты сейчас интенсивно тренируются. В среду они играли тренировочный матч с одной из австралийских команд и выиграли его со счетом 15 : 1.
После этого матча руководитель нашей команды В. Мошкаркин сказал, что главное - не его реэультат, а то, что состяэание прошло в подлинно олимпийском духе.

A loose translation is:-
The USSR national team opens the tournament
On the evening of 14 November, the draw of the final participants for the Olympic football tournament was held. There are now only eleven teams left.
The first Olympic match will be held on November 24. The teams are from the USSR and Germany. Then on November 26 England - Thailand play and 27 November Australia - Japan.
Footballers of Indonesia, India, Bulgaria go to the quarter-finals without a game and will meet with the winners of the above matches.
These quarter-finals will be held on November 29 and 30 and 1 December.
Teams from the United States and Yugoslavia enter the competition at the quarter-finals, with their meeting on November 28 and will determine the first semi-finalist. Semi-finals will be held on December 4 and 5,
Soviet players are now training intensively. On Wednesday, they played a training match with the Australian team and won it with a score of 15 : 1.
After the game, the head of our team V. Moshkarkin said that the main point is not the result, but the true Olympic spirit of the match.

copied from Ron Lord's diary, see Andre Kruger web page (http://www.ak-tsc.de/hp/oly1956/2Melbourne56.htm)

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
19th. November 1956,	Campbell Reserve, Coburg, Melbourne, Victoria			

Australia..1 v. Great Britain..3

half time, Australia..0 v. Great Britain..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Lord				45		GK	Harry Sharratt				
	RB							RB	Dexter Adams		X		
	LB							LB	Leslie Farrer				X*
	RH							RH	Lawrence Topp				
	CH							CH					
	LH							LH	Herbert Dodkins				X**
	OR							OR					
	IR							IR	John Hardisty	X			
	CF							CF	Derek Lewin	X			
	IL	Alec Beattie	X					IL	John Laybourne				
	OL							OL	James Lewis	X			
		SUBSTITUTES											
									Donald Stoker				X
									Terence Robinson				X*
	GK	Bill Henderson				45			James Coates				X**

Team Coach	Len Young	Team Coach	Norman Creek
Manager	George Smith	Team Manager	
Assistant Manager	Roy Druery		
Referee			
Linesman		Squad List	Goalkeepers
Linesman			

Goalkeepers: Harry Sharratt (Bishop Auckland), Mike Pinner (Pegasus)

Fullbacks: John Roderick "Bob" Hardisty (Bishop Auckland), Leslie Thomas "Tommy" Farrer (Walthamstow Avenue), Terence "Terry" Robinson (Brentford), Dexter Adams (Hendon)

Half-backs: Charles Twissell (Plymouth Argyle), Herbert "Henry" Dodkins (Ilford), Stanley Prince (Walthamstow Avenue), Donald "Don" Stoker (Sutton United), Lawrence "Laurie" Topp (Hendon)

Forwards: James Lewis (Chelsea), John "Jack" Laybourne (Corinthian Casuals), Derek Lewin (Bishop Auckland), George Bromilow (Southport), James T. "Jimmy" Coates (Royal Navy FA)

match report from The Times (UK), 20/11/1956

As a change from the daily training routine the British Olympic football team to-day played a practice match against an Australian national side on a club ground at Coburg on the outskirts of the city. Britain won by three goals to one but it would be unwise to draw many conclusions from the result, as the game was played throughout at a slow pace with both sides reluctant to take any risks that might have involved injury. Even so, Adams twisted a knee early in the match and must be a doubtful starter for the match against Thailand on Monday. Bromilow is already injured and Pinner is nursing a deep cut on the hand, so the selectors' task may well be simple, since there are only 16 players in the party.

As seems inevitable in Melbourne at the moment conditions were against good football. The strong winds that have been blowing for the past few days had certainly dried out the pitch but they also made ball control difficult. Kicking into the wind Britain scored twice without reply in the first half, goals coming from Hardisty and Lewis, the second a fine opportunist effort after a somewhat speculative long range lob from Stoker, who had come on to replace the injured Adams at right back.

The British team, surprisingly, failed to push home their advantage in the second half with the wind at their backs. They were content with a goal from Lewin that at least helped one to forget the scene of a moment before, when Sharratt and his backs had a misunderstanding that allowed Beattie to score Australia's only goal. Still, the Australians had brought on nine substitutes whereas the only British changes at half-time were Robinson for Farrer at left-back and Coates for Dodkins at left-half.

In spite of much changing of position in the second half the British forwards were unimpressive. Lewin was always ready to move into the space left by Laybourne's intelligent movement to the wings but Hardisty often lacked the wind to do his share. There is no doubt that Hardisty can provide matchwinning touches but his legs do not seem to be able to stand the heavy duties of an inside-forward and his inactivity threw a heavy burden on the man behind him. Fortunately Topp was equal to the occasion.

The Australians had obviously recovered from their recent drubbing and gave a spirited performance.

The Australians had their first taste of Asiatic football over the weekend when the visiting Japanese team played a friendly match against Hakoah, the leading Melbourne club side. Displaying a certain colt-like enthusiasm that was at least in character with the agricultural show ground where the match was staged, the Japanese overran their Australian opponents to win by three goals to none. The standard of football was not high - probably not up to Isthmian League class - although perhaps there is a tendency to be somewhat harsh when the yardstick at the moment is the recent polished performance of the Russians. Since the Victorian football season ended a month ago the local players were sadly out of condition. Even so, the Japanese defence went through some anxious moments and the number of panicky clearances bodes ill for future encounters with stronger opposition.

There was something immature about their play although the evidence of coaching was plain to see. Their wingers, for example, fell back deep in defence to collect angled clearances fro the goalmouth. Yet time and again short passing movements would break down through faulty control or a zealous desire to beat a man when a pass would have been far more effective. Unfortunately the skill of the Japanese did not always match their enthusiasm and a lusty Australian boot often spoiled attempts at pattern weaving.

The Australian team is due to meet Japan in the first round of the Olympic competition proper next Tuesday. After this performance they would seem to have a fair chance of winning.

copied from Ron Lord's diary, see Andre Kruger web page (http://www.ak-tsc.de/hp/oly1956/2Melbourne56.htm)

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
20th. November 1956,	Campbell Reserve, Coburg, Melbourne, Victoria			

Australia..3 v. India..1

half time, Australia..2 v. India..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Bill Henderson				45		GK					
	RB							RB					
	LB							LB					
	RH							RH					
	CH							CH					
	LH							LH					
	OR							OR					
	IR							IR					
	CF							CF					
	IL							IL					
	OL							OL					
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Ron Lord				45							

Team Coach	Len Young	Team Coach	Syed Abdul Rahim
Manager	George Smith	Team Manager	K.Ziauddin
Assistant Manager	Roy Druery		
Referee			
Linesman		Squad List	Goalkeepers
Linesman			
			Fullbacks
			Half-backs
			Forwards

Shankar Subramaniam Narayan (Caltex, Bombay)
Peter Thangaraj (Madras Regimental Centre, Services)
Syed Khwaja Azizuddin (Hyderabad City Police)
Shaikh Abdul Latif (Bombay)
Abdul Thazhatheri Rehman (Rajasthan Club, Calcutta)
Ahmed Hussain (Hyderabad)
Marianna Kempiah (East Bengal Club)
Noor Mohammed (Hyderabad City Police)
Nikhil Kumar Nandy (Eastern Railway SC, Bengal)
Mohammed Abdul Salaam (Bengal)
Tulsidas Balamaran (Hyderabad)
Pradip Kumar Banerjee (Bengal)
Samar Banerjee (Mohun Bagan AC) (c)
Neville Stephan d'Souza (Bombay)
Muhamed Kannayan (Bombay-Nagpur Railway, Calcutta)
J.Krishnaswamy "Kittu" (East Bengal Club)
Krishna Chandra "Kesto" Pal (Bengal)
Mohammed Zulfiqaruddin (Hyderabad City Police)

copied from Ron Lord's diary, see Andre Kruger web page (http://www.ak-tsc.de/hp/oly1956/2Melbourne56.htm) - see also www.morelandcityfc.com

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
23rd. November 1956,	***Campbell Reserve, Coburg, Melbourne, Victoria***	***Hot and Sunny***		

Australia..1 v. Yugoslavia..5

half time,

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	***Bill Henderson***						***GK***					
	RB	***Robert Bignall (c)***						***RB***					
	LB	***John Pettigrew***						***LB***					
	RH	***Bob Wemyss***						***RH***					
	CH	***Alwyn Warren***						***CH***					
	LH	***Cliff Sander***						***LH***					
	OR	***Frank Loughran***						***OR***					
	IR	***Jack Lennard***						***IR***					
	CF	***Graham McMillan***						***CF***					
	IL	***Ted Smith***						***IL***					
	OL	***Bruce Morrow***						***OL***					
		SUBSTITUTES											
		George Arthur											
		Conrad "Con" Purser											
	GK	***Ron Lord***											

Team Coach	***Len Young***	***Team Coach***	***Milovan Ćirić***
Manager	***George Smith***	***Team Manager***	
Assistant Manager	***Roy Druery***		
Referee			
Linesman		***Squad List***	***Goalkeepers***
Linesman			

Goalkeepers	***Petar Radenković (BSK Beograd)***
	Blagoja Vidinić (Radnički Beograd)
Fullbacks	***Ibrahim Biogradlić (FK Sarajevo)***
	Mladen Koščak (NK Dinamo Zagreb)
	Dobrosav Krstić (FK Vojvodina)
	Nikola Radović (Hajduk Split)
	Ivan Šantek (NK Zagreb)
	Ljubiša Spajić (Red Star Belgrade)
Half-backs	***Kruno Radiljević (FK Velež Mostar)***
	Vladica Popović (Red Star Belgrade)
	Dragoslav Šekularac (Red Star Belgrade)
Forwards	***Sava Antić (BSK Beograd)***
	Luka Lipošinović (NK Dinamo Zagreb)
	Muhamed Mujić (FK Velež Mostar)
	Zlatko Papec (Hajduk Split)
	Todor Veselinović (FK Vojvodina)
	Joško Vidošević (Hajduk Split)

copied from Ron Lord's diary, see Andre Kruger web page (http://www.ak-tsc.de/hp/oly1956/2Melbourne56.htm)

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
25th. November 1956,	Olympic Village Oval, Heidelberg West, Melbourne, Victoria			

Australia..3 v. India..4

half time,

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Lord						GK					
	RB	Robert Bignall (c)						RB					
	LB	John Pettigrew						LB					
	RH	Bob Wemyss						RH					
	CH	George Arthur						CH					
	LH	Cliff Sander						LH					
	OR	Bruce Morrow						OR					
	IR	Frank Loughran				46		IR					
	CF	Jack Lennard						CF					
	IL	Graham McMillan						IL					
	OL	Edward "Ted" Smith						OL					
SUBSTITUTES													
	IR	Colin Kitching				46							

Team Coach	Richard Telfer	Team Coach	
Manager	George Smith	Team Manager	
Assistant Manager	Roy Druery		
Referee			
Linesman			
Linesman			

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Olympic Games, 1st. Round

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
27th.November 1956, 16.30	Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria			3568

Australia..2 v. Japan..0

half time, Australia..1 v. Japan..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
2	GK	Ron Lord					1	GK	Yoshio Furukawa				
11	RB	Robert Bignall (c)					2	RB	Ryuzo Hiraki				
12	LB	John Pettigrew					3	LB	Yasuo Takamori				
6	RH	George Arthur					4	RH	Hiroaki Sato				
8	CH	Alwyn Warren					5	CH	Michihiro Ozawa				
20	LH	Cliff Sander					6	LH	Waichiro Omura				
17	OR	Bruce Morrow					7	OR	Masanori Tokita				
13	IR	Frank Loughran	61				8	IR	Masao Uchino				
15	CF	Jack Lennard					9	CF	Shigeo Yaegashi				
19	IL	Graham McMillan	26 (pk)				10	IL	Tadao Kobayashi				
5	OL	Edward "Ted" Smith					11	OL	Isao Iwabuchi				
		RESERVES											
	GK	Bill Henderson											
		Colin Kitching											
		Conrad "Con" Purser											

Team Coach	Richard Telfer	Team Coach	Shigemaru Takakoshi
		Team Manager	
Referee	Reginald Lund (New Zealand)		
Linesman	Maurice Swain (New Zealand)	Squad List	Goalkeeper
Linesman	Robert Mann (England)		Fullbacks
			Half-backs
			Forwards

Yoshio Furukawa (Dunlop Japan)
Ryuzo Hiraki
Yasuo Takamori
Hiroaki Sato (NKK Corporation)
Michihiro Ozawa
Waichiro Omura (Tanabe Seiyaku)
Masanori Tokita
Masao Uchino
Shigeo Yaegashi (Furukawa Electric)
Tadao Kobayashi (Tokyo Marine)
Isao Iwabuchi

match report from The Argus, 28/11/1956, page 13 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/71768323/6563294

Australia's soccer team, the first ever to compete in the Olympic Games, yesterday beat Japan 2-0 to reach the quarter finals.
The crowd gave the Australians a tremendous reception as they left the field. Previously regarded as "no hopers" in the soccer world, they battled for the full 90 minutes to clinch the match.
Australia now meets India in the quarter-finals on Saturday, and has an even chance of reaching the semi-finals.
Australia suffered from "Olympic nerves," and started uneasily. There was no co-ordination or team work, players got in each others way and the Japanese were quick to grasp the situation.
Japan played much better football and was unlucky not to score early, and it was only their mistakes in front of goal that saved Australia.
Australia's break came in the first 20 minutes when a Japanese defender handled the ball inside the area and McMillan sent a pile driver into the top left hand corner of the net to give Australia a one goal lead.
Immediately the Japan defence tightened, and five men were always in position when Australia attacked.
After half-time Australia made three changes in positions.
Lennard (N.S.W.), considered one of the best inside forwards in Australia, was moved from the centre forward position to his accustomed place, inside right, and Lauchran went to the right wing.
Morrow was brought from the right wing to centre forward.
From then on Australia's attack was functioning as a team and the change of positions was justified when Lauchran scored Australia's second goal.
Had the selectors placed the same team in the first half as the second, Australia may have won by a bigger margin.

The first of the quarter-finals will be played at Olympic Park today at 4.30, between America and Yugoslavia.

match report from The Age, 28/11/1956, page 13 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=MDQ-9Oe3GGUC&dat=19561128&printsec=frontpage&hl=en
Australia made a successful Olympic soccer debut when it defeated Japan, 2-0, at Olympic Park yesterday.
Australia will meet India in the next round and has more than an even chance of entering the semi-finals.
Japan showed more finesse than the home side, but the rugged, hard hitting Australian defenders slowed down the visiting side and prevented it capitalising on good play, but fell down in finishing.
The Japanese showed great potential with their ball work, but fell down in finishing.
Australia's first goal came in the 26th minute, when McMillan netted from a spot kick awarded against Takamori, the Japanese left-back, for handling.
Australia had the ball in the net earlier, but the goal was disallowed because two players were off side.
At half-time Australia was starting to wilt, and for a short time it seemed that Japan could get on top.
But Loughran, moved from the inside-right berth to the wing place, netted the second goal to make the result obvious after 16 minutes in the second term.
While the standard of play was not particularly high, this game was the most entertaining of the series.
The crowd appreciated the tear-in tactics of the Australian side and revelled in the spectacle of players from both teams being flattened by solid charges.
Only once did Australia's goal seem in real danger
But Ron Lord, always sure, stepped into the breach and, with a dare-devil leap at the feet of Yaegashi, the Japanese leader, swept the ball off his toe and cleared upfield.
Today Yugoslavia meets the United States. While America has caused upsets in the World Cup series, its XI appears rather weak.
Yugoslavia has done well in previous Olympics.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 28/11/1956, page 15 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=lL5f5cZgq8MC&dat=19561128&printsec=frontpage&hl=en
In its first match in Olympic football, the Australian Soccer team beat Japan 2-0 at Olympic Park to-day.
Playing robust, aggressive football, Australia had the ball in Japanese territory for 60 of the 90 minutes' play.
Australia matched the fast-moving Japanese for speed and broke up the visitors' game time and again with the only play missing from the Japanese repertoire - the sliding tackle.
The Australians surprised, too, by successfully employing the ground passing game to a far greater extent than usual. There were no long, aimless kicks.
The defence of both teams was well planned. Every thrust by either side was met by a wall of five defenders.
The Japanese made only two mistakes, and Australia scored from both.
The first occurred at 27 minutes when a Japanese full-back handled a shot for goal in the penalty area. McMillan took the kick and opened the score for Australia.
At 61 minutes outside-right Loughran dribbled the ball towards the goal, 'keeper Furukawa moved out to meet him, and Loughran neatly lobbed the ball over his head and into the net.
Outstanding for Australia were Bobby Bignell (N.S.W.), right-wing and captain, left-wing half Cliff Sander (Queensland), and surprise selection George Arthur (N.S.W.).
Most attractive players for Japan were wing-forwards Tokita and Iwabuchi.
On to-day's showing, Australia has an excellent chance of beating India on Saturday and reaching the semi-finals.
United States meet Yugoslavia in a quarter-final tomorrow.

Germany was represented at the 1956 Summer Olympics by a United Team of Germany comprising athletes from the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG - West Germany) and, for the first time at Summer Games, from the German Democratic Republic (GDR - East Germany) which had not participated in 1952. Also, the Saarland athletes who had to enter as a separate team in 1952 could now join in even though the accession of their state was not yet in effect. Thus, this was the only Olympic team ever to comprise athletes from three German states.

copied from Ron Lord's diary, see Andre Kruger web page (http://www.ak-tsc.de/hp/oly1956/2Melbourne56.htm)

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
28th. November 1956,	Olympic Village Oval, Heidelberg West, Melbourne, Victoria			

Australia..3 v. United Team of Germany..3

half time,

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK							GK					
	RB							RB					
	LB							LB					
	RH							RH					
	CH							CH					
	LH							LH					
	OR							OR					
	IR							IR					
	CF							CF					
	IL							IL					
	OL							OL					

Team Coach	Len Young	Team Coach	Sepp Herberger
Manager	George Smith	Team Manager	
Assistant Manager	Roy Druery		
Referee			
Linesman		Squad List	Goalkeepers
Linesman			
			Fullbacks
			Half-backs
			Forwards

Manfred Eglin (Karlsruher FV)
Albert Görtz (Düsseldorfer SC 99)
Hermann Höfer (Eintracht Frankfurt)
Karl Hoffmann (Fortuna Düsseldorf)
Günter Jäger (Fortuna Düsseldorf)
Albert Brülls (Borussia Mönchengladbach)
Willi Gerdau (Heider SV)
Ernst-Günter Habig (Rapid Köln)
Rudi Hoffmann (Viktoria Aschaffenburg)
Herbert Schäfer (Sportfreunde Siegen)
Fritz Semmelmann (SpVgg Bayreuth)
Rolf Geiger (Stuttgarter Kickers)
Matthias Mauritz (Fortuna Düsseldorf)
Max Schwall (FV Daxlanden)
Johann Zeitler (VfB Bayreuth)

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
29th. November 1956,	Olympic Village Oval, Heidelberg West, Melbourne, Victoria			

Australia..? v. United Team of Germany..?

half time,

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK							GK					
	RB							RB					
	LB							LB					
	RH							RH					
	CH							CH					
	LH							LH					
	OR							OR					
	IR							IR					
	CF							CF					
	IL							IL					
	OL							OL					

Team Coach	Len Young	Team Coach	
Manager	George Smith	Team Manager	
Assistant Manager	Roy Druery		
Referee			
Linesman			
Linesman			

copied from www.ozfootball.net and www.fifa.com/tournaments/archive/tournament=512/edition=197067/matches/match=32404/report.html

Olympic Games, Quarter final

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
1st. December 1956, 14.30	Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria			7413

Australia..2 v. India..4

half time, Australia..2 v. India..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
2	GK	Ron Lord					16	GK	Peter Thangaraj				
11	RB	Robert Bignall (c)					9	RB	Syed Khaja Azizuddin				
12	LB	John Pettigrew					8	LB	Abdul Thazhatheri Rehman				
6	RH	George Arthur					6	RH	Marianna Kempiah				
8	CH	Alwyn Warren					13	CH	Mohammed Abdul Salaam				
20	LH	Cliff Sander					11	LH	Noor Mohammed				
13	OR	Frank Loughran					5	OR	Pradip Kumar Banerjee				
15	IR	Jack Lennard					1	IR	Samar Banerjee		X		
17	CF	Bruce Morrow	17, 41				14	CF	Neville d'Souza	9, 33, 50			
19	IL	Graham McMillan					2	IL	J.Krishnaswamy "Kittu"	80			
5	OL	Edward "Ted" Smith					7	OL	Muhamed Kannayan				
		RESERVES											
	GK	Bill Henderson											
		Bill Wemyss											
		Alec Beattie											

Team Coach	Len Young	Team Coach	Abdul Rahim Syed
Manager	George Smith	Team Manager	
Assistant Manager	Roy Druery		
Referee	C.H.Wensveen (Indonesia)		
Linesman	Robert Mann (England)		
Linesman	Maurice Swain (New Zealand)		

match report from The Age, 3/12/1956, page 10 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=MDQ-9Oe3GGUC&dat=19561203&printsec=frontpage&hl=en

Russia and India qualified for the Olympic soccer semi-finals with wins against Indonesia and Australia at Olympic Park on Saturday.
Russia meets Bulgaria at the Main Stadium to morrow and India plays Jugoslavia on Thursday.
Arguments began before the India-Australia game on whether the Indian team could play barefooted.
High ranking soccer officials could not agree whether a recent rule concerning World Cup soccer affected the Olympic games.
English soccer leader, Sir Stanley Rous, said: "There is nothing in the rule book that says a player must wear boots. When English sides play teams which normally play without boots, we play them that way."
India normally plays bare-footed.
The side agreed to play with boots on the understanding that if anyone suffered from cramp it would be in order to remove the boots.
Never troubled by Australia, the Indians - with one exception - continued in full dress for the whole of the game and won 4-2.
Inside right S.Bannersee got cramp in the closing stages of the game and removed his boots. But the damage was done, and he had to leave the field.
In the replay between Russia and Indonesia, the Indonesian side attempted to play the same back-to-the-wall tactics that held the Russians scoreless last Thursday.
The move failed, and Russia won 2-0. Russia broke through after 18 minutes, and increased its lead two minutes later.
For the rest of the game the referee was busy keeping order.
Indonesian players went down time and again, but they bounced up for more and won the admiration of the big crowd.
Australia's performance against India was woeful.
Wild, indiscriminate kicking - invariably to an opponent - ruined the home side's chance.
It was expected that after seeing "ball on the ground" soccer from the class overseas teams, the Australians would make some attempt to copy.
The original squad was not the best, and four weeks of intensive training did nothing to improve the standard.
Australian soccer has lost a wonderful chance to gain world prominence, and the game has suffered a body blow.
India seized control of the game in the first nine minutes when d'Souza scored the first goal.
Although Australia equalised, and the interval was reached with the teams level at 2-2, the end was inevitable.
Despite being subjected to heavy tackles, the Indians were yards faster and showed ball control that was completely absent from Australia's play.

copied from Ron Lord's diary, see Andre Kruger web page (http://www.ak-tsc.de/hp/oly1956/2Melbourne56.htm)

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
6th. December 1956,	Campbell Reserve, Coburg, Melbourne, Victoria			

Australia..7 v. HMS Newcastle..2

half time,

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK							GK					
	RB							RB					
	LB							LB					
	RH							RH					
	CH							CH					
	LH							LH					
	OR							OR					
	IR							IR					
	CF							CF					
	IL							IL					
	OL							OL					

Team Coach	Len Young	Team Coach	
Manager	George Smith	Team Manager	
Assistant Manager	Roy Druery		
Referee			
Linesman			
Linesman			

No records exist of the HMS Newcastle line-up. An approach was made to the Royal Navy and their reply was as follows:-
(Letter from:- Sonya Whitburn, Policy Secretariat, Navy Command Headquarters, Mail Point 1-4, Leach Building, Whale Island, Portsmouth, PO2 8BY, England)
The Naval Historic Branch can confirm that HMS NEWCASTLE's Commission Book for 1955-1957 for her Far East Commission, states on the Soccer page that "The Australian tour produced only one game of football. We flew our kite high and played the Australian Olympic XI, losing 7-2 ". However, this page covers football games for the whole commission and the team are not named.
The ship's log for HMS NEWCASTLE should be at the National Archives under reference ADM 53/144726. However, the ship's log is highly unlikely to list any members of the ship's company, and even less likely to name the football team. Should you wish to contact the National Archive their website is as follows: http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/

An enquiry was made to The National Archives who answered as follows:-
(As you say, ADM 53/144726, consist of the Ships' Log for HMS Newcastle for December 1956. That said, it probably won't contain details of the foorball match you refer to. These logs were books maintained by the Officer of the Watch for every ship of the Royal Navy in commission. They provide a permanent and consecutive daily record of the ships movements and position, recording all wheel and telegraph orders, weather encountered and other events, such as the employment of the ship's company, any deaths on board, disciplinary action (i.e. the reading of punishment warrants), loss or damage to stores and other items of interest, such as visits by dignitaries of foreign officers. Logs were not kept by ships under major refit, which account for some gaps in sequence.)

The ships' logs were not microfilmed and the subject was not pursued any further.

Ron Lord's diary records the match score as; Australia..6 v. HMS Newcastle..2

copied from www.ozfootball.net

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
12th. December 1956,	Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales			3000

Australia..1 v. India..7

half time, Australia..0 v. India..3

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Bill Henderson						GK	Shankar Subramaniam Narayan				50
	RB	Robert Bignall (c)						RB	Syed Khwaja Azizuddin				
	LB	John Pettigrew						LB	Shaikh Abdul Latif				
	RH	George Arthur						RH	Marianna Kempiah				
	CH	Alwyn Warren						CH	Mohammed Abdul Salaam				
	LH	Peter Stone						LH	Noor Mohammed				
	OR	Frank Loughran						OR	Pradip Kumar Banerjee	X, X			
	IR	Jack Lennard						IR	Samar Banerjee	X			
	CF	Colin Kitching						CF	Neville d'Souza	25, X			
	IL	Graham McMillan						IL	J.Krishnaswamy "Kittu"	X, X			
	OL	Brian Vogler	X					OL	Muhamed Kannayan				
		RESERVES											
								GK	Peter Thangaraj				50
Team Coach							Team Coach		Abdul Rahim Syed				
Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		H.Imlay											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Indian Express, 13/12/1956, page 10 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=P9oYG7HA76QC&dat=19561213&printsec=frontpage&hl=en

Unfortunately the article is not clear and therefore is not reproduced. However, it appears that Shankar Narayan had his leg broken and suffered a deep gash following a collision with Brian Vogler.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 13/12/1956, page 10 NSW State Library call number RAV/FM4/461RR

The Indian Olympic Soccer team last night earned a return match with Yugoslavia by outclassing Australia 7-1 at the Sports Ground.
Yugoslav officials accepted the match in Calcutta on December 29 only on condition that India repeated its 4-2 Olympic win over Australia last night.
The blue-shirted Indians made hacks out of the heavier Australian players, who were tired and jaded after almost 10 months continuous football.
India led 3-0 at the interval.
Indian goalkeeper Shankar Narayan, of Bombay, was taken to St.Vincent's Hospital with a lacerated leg after a collision with Queensland outside-left Brian Vogler early in the second half.
The match attracted a crowd of 3,000.
India, 7 (P.Banerjee 2, N.D'Souza 2, K.Kittu 2, S.Banerjee) beat Australia, 1 (B.Vogler).

match report from the Daily Telegraph, 13/12/1956

India completely outclassed Australia 7-1 in the Soccer match at the Sports Ground last night.
Indian goalkeeper Shanker Narayan was taken to hospital after being injured in the match.
His leg may be broken.
Narayan was injured when kicked in a scrimmage five minutes after half-time.
Indian manager K.Ziauddin said after the match that the Australian team played rough.
He said; "Australia played well early. But after three goals were scored against them they became angry and played rough. Narayan has a deep gash in his leg from football sprigs."
India left no doubt as to its superiority over the Australians.
At the Olympic Games India defeated Australia 4-2.
Australian critics who refused to believe India was the better team were convinced last night.
P.Banerjee, N.Desouza, S.Kittu all scored twice for India.
Brian Vogler, outside left, scored for Australia.

His goal resulted from an apparent illegal charge.
Vogler's charge sent the goalkeeper sprawling and the ball trickled into the net.
The crowd of about 3500 demonstrated later when Vogler again charged Thangaraj.
Referee H.Imlay penalised Vogler.
The Australian display was rated as probably the worst by an Australian team.
In the second half the crowd continually jeered pathetic Australian attempts to break through the Indian defence.

match report from the Newcastle Morning Herald, 13/12/1956, page 22 (written 12/12/1956)
India outclassed Australia to win 7-1 in the International Soccer match at the Sydney Sports Ground to-night.
Australia's display was one of the worst seen in an international Soccer match.
India beat Australia 4-2 in the Olympic Games quarter-final in Melbourne. Australia was considered unlucky and was expected to improve tonight.
Australian players towered over the Indians in height and weight but were inferior in skill.
India led 3-0 at half time.
India lost its goal-keeper Narayan early in the second half after he had collided with an Australian forward. He was taken to St.Vincent's Hospital with a probable fractured and badly gashed left leg.
The captain, Bob Bignall, was Australia's best player. He tried unsuccessfully to prevent the landslide.
The Indian coach said he was disappointed with the standard of the Australian play.
"The Australians gave us a good game at the Olympics. I was expecting a hard game to-night but the opposition was weak," he said.
India opened the scoring 25 minutes after the start of play when D'Souza picked up a loose pass from the left wing and raced through to score an effortless goal.
P.Bannerjee scored the next two goals for India. On both occasions he raced through the centre catching the Australian defence out of position.
Australia scored their only goal shortly after the Indian goalkeeper was taken to hospital.
McMillan kicked the ball into the net after the substitute goalkeeper had mishandled.
India then scored four more goals in easy fashion.
SCORES: India 7 (P.Bannerjee 2, N.D'Souza 2, K.Kittu 2, S.Bannerjee) d. Australia 1 (G.McMillan).

1957

Before the commencement of the 1957 season a number of Sydney clubs, led by ethnic dominated clubs, left the New South Wales Association as a protest against what they called bad and unacceptable administration.
This new group under the name of NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs, formed a new Association which was to became the most popular form of control in Southern New South Wales.
At a conference held in Sydney on 17th May, Mr.S.A.Storey as chairman, worked very hard indeed to reach a settlement but although he had the co-operation of the Association delegation, he was frustrated on every proposal by the unco-operative attitude of Federation representatives, who made it obvious they did not intend to co-operate in any suggestions which may achieve unity, unless all Association clubs would capitulate in total surrender to the Federation.
Gladesville-Ryde surrendered and significantly was not permitted to have a representative at the big conference.
That stormy petrel J.Pratt, of Auburn, told his Federation colleagues they should not bang the door to reconcilliation in the Association's face.
President of Apia Federation club, Mr.Phillip Bianchi, had been mandated by his club to strongly protest against the Federation's refusal to meet the Association in further "peace" talks.
Not all were happy in the Federation camp.
The breakaway did not involve Northern NSW clubs who had their own local administration. There was not an ethnic problem in the North as most people were accepted by local clubs.
Greta Austral was a team formed by migrants who were based at Greta (suburb of Cessnock, NSW) until they could find work and had completed their two year agreement with the Federal Government.
Many players from the Newcastle area were "poached" by the Sydney Federation clubs for large remunerations.
However, some players were seeking to return from Federation to Association clubs. The reason - the promised weekly emolument was not being received because the Federation "gates" were grossly exaggerated and the money was just not there to meet the commitments to the players.
One of the prizes that the new Federation wanted was Soccer House at 654a George Street, Sydney.
When a Federation secret meeting was held, it was suggested that a bloodless victory over the Association could be achieved and the Federation would only have to step in to take over all Association assets, which were in effect, the Sydney building estimated to be worth more than £60,000.
However, that building belonged to the clubs of the Association (Northern Division, Southern Division and South Coast), directors and many shareholders.
Some years later this organisation would be sold and all proceeds returned to the shareholders.
The Sydney clubs to breakaway were:- Auburn, Bankstown, Canterbury, Concord, Apia, Eastern Suburbs, Lane Cove, Sydney Austral, Hakoah, Prague, Budapest-Europa, St.Peters, Corinthians, Condell Park, Guildford, Camperdown, Melita Eagles, Villawood and Gladesville-Ryde.
Three overseas teams visited Australia in 1957, but players from the newly formed Federation were not considered for selection in any of the matches.
The Southern clubs to remain loyal to the NSW Soccer Football Association were:- Corrimal, Leichhardt-Annandale, Granville, Balgownie, Woonona-Bulli, Auburn, North Shore, Manly-Warringah, Sparta Prague and St.George. (Sparta Prague and Auburn were new clubs comprised of players and officials who were not prepared to switch to the Federation).
As the clubs, directors and officers of the Association remained united, the Australian Association had to continue to recognise the NSW Association as the only official body in this State, and that being the case it was hoped the Federation, realising it can make no further progress, would be compelled to confer on the basis of restoring unity.
The Federation, however, continued to grow in strength and attracted players from overseas which resulted in a FIFA ban on Australia in 1960

Fussballklub Austria Wien was founded on the 15th March 1911 but had its roots in Wiener Cricketer on 20th October 1910 in Vienna.
The club was re-named Wiener Amateur-SV in December of that year and adopted the name Fussballklub Austria Wien on 28th November 1926.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
29th. June 1957, 15.00	Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, New South Wales			8200

Australia..3 v. FK Austria Wien (Austria)..2

half time, Australia..1 v. FK Austria Wien..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Joe Ruyters						GK	Julius Ondreicska				
	RB	John Pettigrew						RB	Oskar Fischer				
	LB	Harry Murdoch						LB	Franz Swoboda				
	RH	Kevin O'Neill						RH	Walter Tamandl				
	CH	Joe Marston (c)	77(pk)					CH	Karl Kowanz (c)				
	LH	Robert "Bob" Young						LH	Johann Löser				
	OR	Bruce Morrow						OR	Imre Mathesz				
	IR	Spencer Kitching	46					IR	Alfred Malik	88			
	CF	Gordon Nunn	X					CF	Leopold Baumgartner				
	IL	Jack Lennard						IL	Rudolf Sabetzer	70			
	OL	Graham McMillan						OL	Tibor Szalay Csikos				

Team Coach	Joe Marston	Team Coach	Zrare Vogel
Team Manager	Alex Cameron	Team Manager	Max Gold
Referee	Keith Urwin		
Linesman	E.Muir	Squad List	Goalkeepers
Linesman	J.Carlin		
			Fullbacks
			Half-backs
			Forwards

Squad List	
Goalkeepers	Julius Ondreicska
	Paul Schweda
Fullbacks	Oskar Fischer
	Franz Swoboda
	Rudolf Rappel
Half-backs	Walter Tamandl
	Karl Kowanz
	Johann Löser
	Karl Stotz
	Karl Jarosch
Forwards	Imre Mathesz
	Alfred Malik
	Leopold Baumgartner
	Rudolf Sabetzer
	Tibor Szalay Csikos
	Walter Tamandl
	Horst Nemac
	Rudolf Pichler

Johann Löser was shown as Hans Loser in the news media, and Tibor Szalay Csikos was shown as Tibor Szalay or Szali.
Harry Murdoch is also shown as Harry Murdock.

match report from the Newcastle Morning Herald, 1/7/1957, page 10 by The Onlooker.
Australia reached another peak in its climb in international Soccer when it defeated Austria FK, 3-2, in the first Test at Wallsend on Saturday.
The Australian team was the best since the one that defeated the English amateur side in 1937 and gives high hopes for the future.
The Austrian players have the slight excuse that they had to play so soon after arrival in Australia, but they are experienced footballers who have been tripping from country to country almost without pause for the past three years.
To balance that excuse the Austrians were territorially the better side on Saturday and had the greater number of chances but most of them were wasted.
The Austrians will no doubt improve but now that Australia has broken the ice with a "first up" win it may be expected to go on to better things.
There is also the fact that as Saturday's match progressed the pace of the ground decreased and suited the Austrians much more than it did the Australians.
The play of the Austrian team made a great inpression. Manipulation of the ball with both feet, with the head or with the chest was remarkable. The ability to find the man with short or long passes merited the frequent rounds of applause but it seems that the Austrians, like the Rapids from the same land two years ago, have yet to organise the winning of matches as well as they have organised the taming of a football.
It seemed on Saturday that the Australians had the greater power to play intuitively.
Their individuality and team work were often monotonous but the method paid off handsomely.
It was apparent that attack is considered more important than anything else in Austrian football. The inside forwards took up positions too far upfield throwing too much work on the defenders.
If the crowd went to Wallsend to see the Austrians it was the Australians they stayed to admire.
There was not a weak link in a combination which played as a team - something almost unheard of in Australian elevens. The team was well handled by its captain, Joe Marston, who drew on all his long experience to find counters to the Austrian challenges and succeeded admirably. While there were more spectacular players on the ground there was none more steadfast. This, in my book, was Marston's match.
The surprise of the match was L.Ruyters, of Victoria, the goalkeeper, who was given the position although some of the selectors had not seen him play. He gave a display of which Jim McNabb and Billy Morgan would have been proud.
Some members of the Australian team thought as late as 10 minutes before the kick-off that Ruyters was the "risk." But he gave an outstanding display, being wherever the ball was. He stopped some thunderbolt drives, two of which were so powerful that they knocked him off his feet.
Ruyters has made a place for himself in the Australian team.
The Austrian goalkeeper, Julius Ondreicska, was the more polished, although somewhat flamboyant, and is obviously an outstanding 'keeper but he faded into insignificance when it came to discussing goalkeepers.
It would be unfair to single out any of the other Australian players for praise although most of them deserved it.
L.Baumgartner, the Austrian centre-forward, took the eye. He found an impish ball difficult to control but once he settles down in Australia he will give many defenders a lot of worry. A.Malik, inside-right, and T.Szali, outside-left, worked well together and their long passes were accurate and gained a lot of ground.
The main fault with the Austrians was an over-elaboration in attack. Frequently in front of the Australian goal the ball was passed and repassed when all that was needed was a lusty shot at goal. This is often a fault with Continental teams, as if players are unwilling to shoot and miss.
The Austrian half-back line was good, with the centre-man, A.Tamandl, who covered a lot of ground, outstanding. The full-backs, O.Fischer and F.Swoboda, are solid players who are honest tradesmen rather than budding geniuses.
The match was one of the best in the North for many seasons.
The crowd was not as big as expected. Probably many people stayed away fearing they would not get into the ground.
Australia led 1-0 after G.Nunn (Queensland), who has been in international teams for about nine years, trickled a ball over the line.
This lead was increased to 2-0 30 seconds after the start of the second half. Nunn drove from 25 yards out and Ondreicska parried the ball to Kitching, who calmly lifted it over the Austrian's head.
R.Sabetzer made a fast, swaying 35 yards run before scoring for Austria in the 25th minute.
Marston crashed home a penalty in the 32nd minute for Australia to lead 3-1.
In the 42nd minute Malik tricked Murdock and scored. But Australia "sewed the game up" and won3-2.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
6th. July 1957,	Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales			9000

Australia..3 v. FK Austria Wien (Austria)..8

half time, Australia..2 v. FK Austria Wien..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Joe Ruyters						GK	Julius Ondreicska				
	RB	John Pettigrew				X		RB	Oskar Fischer				X
	LB	Harry Murdoch						LB	Franz Swoboda				
	RH	Kevin O'Neill						RH	Karl Kowanz (c)				
	CH	Joe Marston (c)	X(pk)					CH	Karl Stotz				
	LH	Robert "Bob" Young						LH	Johann Löser				
	OR	Charlie Stewart						OR	Imre Mathesz	X, X			
	IR	Spencer Kitching	9					IR	Walter Tamandl				
	CF	Gordon Nunn						CF	Leopold Baumgartner	X, X, X			
	IL	Jack Lennard						IL	Rudolf Sabetzer	X, X			
	OL	Graham McMillan						OL	Tibor Szalay Csikos	X			
SUBSTITUTES													
	RB	Len Stedman				X		RB	Rudolf Rappel	X(og)			X

Team Coach	Joe Marston	Team Coach	Zrare Vogel
Team Manager	A.Cameron	Team Manager	
Referee	Bert Imlay		
Linesman	D.Scott		
Linesman	Jameson		

match report from The Sun-Herald, 7/7/1957, page 43 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=lL5f5cZgq8MC&dat=19570707&printsec=frontpage&hl=en

Vienna Soccer Club F.K. Austria scored a runaway 8-3 win over Australia at the S.C.G. yesterday.
F.K. Austria brilliantly scored six goals to one in the second half after being hald to 2-all at half-time.
The visiting team scored three goals within 12 minutes to clinch the match in one sustained second-half rally.
The crowd of 9,000 was thrilled at the Austrians' fine exhibition of positional play, which overwhelmed the Australian defence.
The Austrian second-half play compared more than favourably with the great exhibitions by the Austrian Rapid team in Australia two years ago.
Australian captain-coach Joe Marston was full of praise for F.K. Austria after the match.
He said: "The team really played good football to-day - much better than last week. I think this team is better in some phases of play than the Rapids. They put more punch into their shots, and hit the ball harder in front of goal."
Australia was unlucky to lose right full-back Jim Pettigrew midway through the first half.
Pettigrew suffered a bruised bone in an ankle and a ruptured blood vessel when tackled by F.K. Austria outside-left Tibos Szaly.
Leichhardt full-back Len Stedman (who replaced him) made several good saves when the pressure was on in the second half.
F.K. Austria right full-back Oscar Fischer injured his right leg in the first half, and Rudolph Rappel replaced him.
Australia did well to hold F.K. Austria to 2-all at half-time.
The Australians bustled the Austrians in the first half and moved in quickly for tackles.
These tactics paid off - the Austrians were undoubtedly unsettled.
But at half-time, coach Zrare Vogel told them to keep the ball moving, send their passes along the ground and to keep the wings busy.
The Austrians carried out these instructions to such perfection that Australia never had any chance after the first few minutes of play in the second half.
The visiting team's halves moved up into the forwards and spearheaded many of the attacking moves.
The Australian defence held out for 10 minutes in this half but finally it cracked under the constant pressure.
Within 12 minutes F.K. Austria scored three goals to put the match beyond doubt.
Australia's only goal in the second half came when full-back Rudolph Rappel headed the ball into his own net.
F.K. Austria had the better of play territorially in the first half, but poor goal shooting and great work by Marston and goalkeeper Joe Ruyters kept the score down.
Marston repeatedly saved with great tackles and continually set his halves and forwards moving with accurate passes.

Ruyters played another great game and was frequently applauded for his diving saves or his punched clearances.
Australia opened the score in the match after only nine minutes' play when inside-right Spencer Kitching goaled with a hard right-foot drive.
Australia kept up the attack, and centre-forward Gordon Nunn and outside-left Graham McMillan narrowly missed with good attempts at goal.
F.K. Austria equalised shortly after when outside-left Tibor Szalay ran around Stedman and centred perfectly to centre-forward Leopold Baumgartner.
Baumgartner steadied himself and drove the ball into the corner of the net.
This drive, from 15 yards out, gave Ruyters no chance to save.
Australia went further ahead when centre-half Karl Stotz handled inside the penalty area and Marston made no mistake with his kick.
Stotz claimed after the match the ball struck his leg, but from the Press seats there seemed no doubt he handled.
Shortly before half-time F.K. Austria scored the equalising goal, the result of good teamwork between Baumgartner, Szalay and outside right I.Mathesz.
Baumgartner trapped the ball, and it went to Szalay and Mathesz, who sent it into the net.
Play in the second half was all F.K. Austria.
F.K. Austria, 8 (L.Baumgartner 3, I.Mathesz 2, R.Sabetzer 2, T.Szalay 1), beat Australia, 3 (S.Kitching 1, J.Marston 1, R.Rappel through an own goal), at S.C.G.

Ferencvárosi Torna Club is multi-sports club from Ferencvárosi, Budapest founded 3rd. May 1899.
Ferencvárosi was founded by Ferenc Springer and a group of local residents from Budapest's ninth district.
On the 3rd. December 1900, the football department was officially founded, and is commonly known as Ferencváros
From 1951 to 1956 Ferencváros was called Kinizsi due to political reasons.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
6th. July 1957,	Prospect Oval, Adelaide, South Australia			8000

Australian XI..0 v. Ferencvárosi (Hungary)..3

half time, Australian XI..0 v. Ferencvárosi..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Jim McCabe						GK	Geza Gulyas				
	RB	John Beveridge						RB	Imre Ombody				
	LB	Fred Pagini						LB	Jenő Dálnoki				
	RH	Robert Bignall						RH	Mihály Kispéter				
	CH	Jack Mather						CH	András Gerendás				
	LH							LH	Ferenc Dekany				
	OR	N.Ragno						OR	Tamas Kertesz	X			
	IR	Keith Learmonth						IR	Karoly Lang				X
	CF	K.Welker						CF	Pál Orosz				46
	IL	Alec Beattie						IL	Oszkár Vileszál				X*
	OL	Harry Robertson						OL	Máté Fenyvesi				
SUBSTITUTES													
									Ferenc Szigeti	60, 65			46

Team Coach		Team Coach	Professor Arpad Csanadi
Manager	L.F.Barkham	Team Manager	
Assistant Manager			
Referee			
Linesman		Squad List	Goalkeepers
Linesman			
			Fullbacks
			Half-backs
			Forwards

Geza Gulyas
Jozsef Virag
Imre Ombody
György Szőke
Mihály Kispéter
Jenő Dálnoki
Dr.Ferenc Dekany (c)
András Gerendás
Sándor Mátrai
Pál Orosz
Oszkár Vileszál
Tamas Kertesz
Ferenc Szigeti
Miklos Borsos
Zoltán Friedmanszky
Máté Fenyvesi
Jozsef Meszaros
S.Tolonics
Karoly Lang

Conrad "Con" Purser (WA) was originally selected to play at left half. However, it was reported that he could not play and it was hoped that Ron Adair (WA) would take his position.

match report from the Adelaide Advertiser, 8/7/1957, page 10

Brilliant, spectacular goalkeeping by 23-year-old Scotsman Jim McCabe, was the feature of the international soccer match at Prospect Oval on Saturday when an Australian XI, lost to Hungary, 3-0.

Repeatedly he saved what looked like certain goals from all angles and safely held some of the most difficult shots any keeper could be asked to save.

It was an hour before the Hungarians were able to get the ball past him for two goals within five minutes.

Then with 15 minutes to go McCabe strained the ligaments in two of his fingers and had to leave the field.

McCabe, who was making his first appearance in an international, came to Australia from Paisley, near Glasgow, two and half years ago.

Since he has been here he has fractured his jaw, injured his shoulder, and while playing amateur soccer in Scotland he broke two fingers on his left hand - all playing in goal.

He comes from a football family. His father and both his grandfathers played professional football for Scottish league teams.

The Hungarians played their usual world-class, scientific soccer in which their positional play planting the ball control were outstanding.

However they lost much of the speed which they showed against SA earlier in the week, and it was obvious that the heavy going of the rain-soaked pitch, was not to their liking.

The Australian team which included seven men from SA, gave the Hungarians one of the toughest matches they have had for some time.

This is a tribute not only to the performance given by the Australian XI, as a whole but to the standard of soccer in SA.

The manager-coach of the Hungarian touring team (Mr.Arpad Csanadi) said after the match. "Your team gave us a hard match - they made only one mistake, they concentrated too much on defence and not enough on attack. It was a team equal to the standard shown by the Australian Olympic XI last year."

It is certain that the crowd of more than 8,000 had never seen a more thrilling or better display of soccer by an Australian XI.

It made the Hungarians fight every inch of the way and it was not until half an hour before the end that they finally broke through and scored the first goal.

And that was scored by Szigeti, centre forward, who came on as a substitute at half time and was completely fresh and fighting fit. He scored the second five minutes later.

It was almost significant that when the Hungarians brought on their substitutes it was the three goal scoring positions - centre forward and inside men - that were changed.

McCabe, and a rugged, determined Australian defence in which Pagini, full back and Mather centre half, were outstanding, had held off persistent attacks in the first half until the Hungarian forwards were beginning to get rattled and tired.

Only one factor enabled the Hungarians to keep pressing home their attacks in the second half - physical fitness.

When it is remembered that the Australian XI had never played together before and that they only play soccer on Saturday afternoons and have one to two hours practice after work each week, their performance was even more praiseworthy.

The Hungarians are full-time soccer men. They attend special classes conducted by Professor Csanadi, who is Professor of Physical Education at Budapest University.

During their tour they have had one and a half hours' practice each morning and keep to a strict routine which includes two hours' sleep after lunch each day.

Goalscorers - Hungary; Szigeti (2), Kertesz.

Best - Hungary; Kispeter, Szigeti, Dekany. Australia; McCabe, Mather, Beattie.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
10th. July 1957, 14.30	North Hobart Ground, Hobart, Tasmania			3000

Australian XI..2 v. Ferencváros (Hungary)..3

half time, Australian XI..2 v. Ferencváros..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Jim McGinley (North-West Coast)		X				GK					
	RB	John Beveridge (Western Australia)						RB					
	LB	Cor Mathyssen (Victoria)						LB					
	RH	Robert "Bob" Wemyss (Victoria)						RH					
	CH	Jack Mather (South Australia)						CH					
	LH	Terry Clarke (Launceston)						LH					
	OR	Frank Gmelch (Caledonians)	X					OR					
	IR	Frank Loughran (Victoria)						IR					
	CF	Sjel "Mike" de Bruyckere (Victoria)						CF					
	IL	Alex Paterson (North-West Coast)	X					IL					
	OL	Benjamin Woods (Caledonians)						OL					
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	William "Wally" Firkins (Caledonians)				X							

Team Coach		Team Coach	Professor Arpad Csanadi
Manager		Team Manager	
Assistant Manager			
Referee			
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from The Mercury, 11/7/1957, page 32

Australian soccer selector Mr.W.R.Thomas said yesterday that the Tasmanian players McInley (goalkeeper) and Gmelch (outside-right) were material for international matches.
The Tasmanians were in an Australian team which went close to defeating the Hungarian club Ferencvaros at North Hobart yesterday.
The tourists who have not yet lost in Australia, won by only the odd goal in five after missing scoring opportunities.
A crowd estimated at more than 3,000 was treated to a superlative exhibition of ball control and positional play during the first half by the visitors.
Their movements were so methodical and accurate that they seemed certain to win by a large margin as they almost walked the ball into the net several times.
As the Australian team of individuals settled down, however, the clockwork precision of the tourists became less apparent.
McInley saved many good shots by the Hungarians, who had the scoring opportunities from which marksmen of their standard should have netted.
In the second half they made three positional changes, and with the exception of the new goalkeeper, the defence lost much of its earlier stability.
The Australians, who had led the visitors 2-1 and crossed over sharing four goals, played more as a team in the second half and enjoyed more of the play.
The manner in which the Hungarians pivoted after trapping the ball and then passed with the inside of their foot was an eye-opener.
Often the Australian defence was caught flatfooted as a short pass with spin on it enabled the receiver to get away at speed.
The half-backs were the backbone of the team, as their aptitude to go into attack or on the defensive always gave the Hungarians numerical strength.
The right wing combination, supported by a brilliant right-half, provided some of the finest football seen in Tasmania.
The Australian forwards were often offside as the result of the visiting backs lying well up the field, a factor which enabled the halves to position themselves quickly in defence.
The hero of the Australian side was McInley, who brought off some brilliant saves before being injured so badly that he had to be replaced by Firkins not long before the final whistle.
Cubero, who had two pile-drivers stopped by the Hungarian goalkeeper, and who then went and shook him by the hand, played a hard game throughout, and Gmelch and Wemyss were always prominent.
Gmelch, besides making Paterson's goal scored a splendid goal himself, and hit the bar twice with hard shots.
The inside forwards scored the Hungarian goals.

Eastern Athletic Association Football Team was founded in 1932 and is part of the Eastern Sports Club. It is commonly known as Eastern Football Team.
In 2012 it changed its name to Eastern Salon Football Team for sponsorship reasons.
In 2016 it was known as the Eastern Long Lions Football Team, also for sponsorship reasons.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
13th. July 1957,	Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales			6727

Australia..4 v. Eastern Athletic (Hong Kong)..1

half time, Australia..0 v. Eastern Athletic..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
						START LIST							
	GK	Joe Ruyters						GK	Yung Poy-Dor				
	RB	Alwyn Warren						RB	Lee Ping-Chiu				
	LB	Harry Murdoch						LB	Lau Yee				
	RH	Kevin O'Neill						RH	Chan Fai-Hung				
	CH	Joe Marston (c)						CH	Ko Po-Keung (c)				
	LH	Robert "Bob" Young						LH	Szeto Yiu				46
	OR	Gordon Nunn	65					OR	Ho Ying-Fun				
	IR	Spencer Kitching						IR	Ho Cheung-Yau				
	CF	Jack Drinkwater	57, 85, 90					CF	Chu Wing-Keung				
	IL	Jack Lennard						IL	Kwok Yau	8			
	OL	Graham McMillan						OL	Hau Ching-To				
						SUBSTITUTES							
								LH	To Wing-Keung				46

Team Coach	Joe Marston	Team Coach	L.J.Channing
Manager		Team Manager	Lee Hang-Lau
Assistant Manager			
Referee			
Linesman		Squad List	Goalkeepers
Linesman			

Goalkeepers	Yung Poy-Dor
	Tam Chi-Keung
Fullbacks	Lee Ping-Chiu
	Lau Yee
Half-backs	Chan Fai-Hung
	Ko Po-Keung (c)
	Szeto Yiu
	To Wing-Keung
	Chau Man-Chi
	Kung Wah-Kit
	Lee Kwok-Wah
Forwards	Ho Ying-Fun
	Ho Cheung-Yau
	Chu Wing-Keung
	Kwok Yau
	Hau Ching-To
	Szeto Man
	Yeung Wai-To
	Lo Kwok-Tai
	Wong Tak-Fook

To Wing-Keung is the adopted name of Julio Henrique Toledo
Yung Poy-Dor is also shown as Yong Poy-Dor.

some sources have Tam-Chi-Keung as Tam Nai-Huen.

match report from The Sun-Herald, 14/7/1957, page 47 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=lL5f5cZqq8MC&dat=19570714&printsec=frontpage&hl=en
Jack Drinkwater, making his International debut yesterday, spearheaded Australia's 4-1 win over Hong Kong at Sydney Sports Ground.
Drinkwater , a 14st centre-forward, is 32 years old.
Drinkwater scored three determined goals in the second half, and made the fourth, scored by Queensland outside-right "Bunny" Nunn.
The lightweight Hong Kong players tired badly in the second half after leading 1-0 at the interval.
A disappointing crowd of 6,727 watched the match.
Drinkwater was given a dose of brandy in the dressing-room to steady his nerves after an almost pathetic display in the first half.
He was very upset when Hong Kong left-half, Szeto Yiu was taken from the field with an injured ankle after colliding with him just before half-time.
He had been hooted earlier when he heavily shouldered Szeto Yiu to the ground while running for the ball.
Szeto Yiu was replaced by To Wing Kuen in the second half, although, technically, no replacement should have been allowed.
To Wing Kuen was named substitute as Szeto Yiu left the ground, but Wing Kuen had already taken off his boots and shorts and could not take the field until the second half and after the expiry of the time limit for replacements.
A conference between Hong Kong manager L.J.Channing, F.K. Austria director Karl Gottler, and Australian officials ruled on Wednesday that replacements could only be made up to the 44th minute.
Hong Kong players dominated the first half, getting to the ball much more quickly than the heavier Australians.
Inside-left Kwock Yau opened the scoring in the eighth minute of the match, with a hard drive, and the score remained unchanged until after half-time.
Australia gradually got on top on the resumption, and Drinkwater equalised in the 12th minute with an angled lob.
Then Nunn put Australia ahead eight minutes later by placing the ball into an open goal after Drinkwater had drawn 20-year-old goalkeeper Yung Poy Dor.
Inside-left Jack Lennard and Nunn went close to scoring minutes later with two hard drives.
Drinkwater added two more goals in the final five minutes.
He scored from a corner kick from Nunn, and then beat goalkeeper Yung Poy Dor from close range as Hong Kong players stood off appealing for off-side.
Captain-coach Joe Marston was the architect of Australia's victory at centre-half.
Dutch goalkeeper Joe Ruyters turned in a grand display and brought off several spectacular acrobatic saves in the second half.
Former internationals Norman Conquest and Cec Drummond were disappointed with the visitors' display in the second half.
Conquest said: "They looked as good as the 1955 South China team in the first half, when they could have scored another three or four goals.
Drummond thought that Hong Kong is one of the worst international teams ever to come to Australia.
Mr.Channing said after the match that Australia fully deserved its win.
He was only Australia's second in three series against Chinese teams since 1941.
Hong Kong rested three of its best players from the match, full-back Chu Man Chi, outside-right Szeto Man, and inside-left Lau Swock Tai for tomorrow night's floodlit match against F.K. Austria at the Sports Ground.
Australia, 4 (J.Drinkwater 3, G.Nunn) beat Hong Kong, 1 (Kwock Yau).

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
20th. July 1957,	Brisbane Cricket Ground, Woolloongabba, Brisbane, Queensland			8500

Australia..2 v. Eastern Athletic (Hong Kong)..2

half time, Australia..1 v. Eastern Athletic..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Joe Ruyters						GK	Yung Poy-Dor				
	RB	Alwyn Warren						RB	Lee Ping-Chiu		35		
	LB	Harry Murdoch						LB	Lau Yee				
	RH	Cliff Sander						RH	Chan Fai-Hung				
	CH	Joe Marston (c)						CH	Ko Po-Keung (c)				
	LH	Robert "Bob" Young						LH	Chau Man-Chi	88			
	OR	Charlie Stewart						OR	Szeto Man				
	IR	Spencer Kitching	73					IR	Ho Cheung-Yau				
	CF	Bruce Morrow						CF	Yeung Wai-To	20			
	IL	Jack Lennard						IL	Kwok Yau				
	OL	Graham McMillan	2					OL	Lo Kwok-Tai				
SUBSTITUTES													
									Szeto Yiu				35

Team Coach	Joe Marston	Team Coach	L.J.Channing
Manager		Team Manager	Lee Hang-Lau
Assistant Manager			
Referee			
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from The Sunday Mail, 21/7/1957, page 32

A splendid goal by veteran Hong Kong half-back, Chau Man Chi, two minutes from the finish enabled the Chinese team to draw the second Soccer Test against Australia, 2-all, at the Cricket Ground yesterday.
Chau, 41, nicknamed "Chicken" because of his clever ball control and distribution, had his moment of glory when Australia looked to have the game won.
A corner kick taken by Chan Hung was headed back to Chau standing 20 yards from the goal by Kwok Yau.
Like a flash Chau hit the ball with a left foot drive to crash it into the corner of the net.
It was a fitting climax to a thrilling match which kept the big crowd on its toes most of the time.
The Chinese team were more polished than Australia, but their attacks too frequently broke down near the goal.
Secretary-coach, Mr. L.J.Channing, and captain, Ko Po Keung, said after the game that they were disappointed with their team's display.
They said the side had not reached its top form, but admitted that the standard in Australia had improved vastly in recent years.
Australia's play in the first half was not impressive.
There was little cohesion between halves and forwards.
After the interval their game improved, and the defence, led by ex-English professional Joe Marston, gave nothing away.
Marston played a particularly solid game at centre-half, and kept the middle of the field well blocked.
Queenslander Al. Warren, playing in the unaccustomed position of full-back, did not have a good first half, but improved after the interval.
Cliff Sander worked hard in the halves, but was inclined to push the ball through too fast to the forwards.
Queenslanders Graham McMillan and Spencer Kitching scored Australia's two goals.
McMillan was easily the most dangerous forward.
He made some dazzling runs along the laft flank especially in the second half, but erred on a couple of occasions in front of goal.
The Chinese outshone Australia in close passing and positional play, and there was usually a man over in the open space.
But their efforts in front of goal were disappointing.
Had their forwards earlier emulated Chau's final drive for the equaliser, the Chinese might have won.
A lot of dangerous moves in the second half were spoilt by players being offside.
Captain and centre-half, Ko Po Keung, set his team a fine example in safe defence, and right half, Chan Hung, was one of the best players on the field.
Lau Yee was very solid at full-back.

Australia opened the scoring two minutes from the kick-off when McMillan netted after a pass from Kitching.
Then Ho Cheung Yau, who had previously missed an easy goal, gave to Lo Kwok Tai, whose cross was headed in for the equaliser after 20 minutes, by Yeung Wai To.
The Chinese had most of the play, but the teams were level at the interval.
Chinese full-back, Lee Ping Chiu, left the field with a leg injury 10 minutes from the interval and was replaced by Seto Yiu.
Australia, playing better football, went ahead 28 minutes after the interval from a well-placed shot in the corner by Kitching.
Chinese goalkeeper Yong Poy Dor made a gallant diving attempt to save right on the goal line, but he could not hold the ball which just trickled into the goal.
Just when Australia looked to have the game won, Chau's final drive gave the Chinese the equaliser.
Attendance was 8500 and the receipts £2000.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
31st. July 1957,	Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales	Heavy rain		1044

Australia..1 v. Ferencváros (Hungary)..6

half time, Australia..1 v. Ferencváros..3

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Joe Ruyters				46		GK	Geza Gulyas				
	RB	Alwyn Warren	X(og)					RB	Imre Ombody				
	LB	Ray Atkinson						LB	Dr.Ferenc Dekany (c)				45
	RH	Cliff Sander						RH	András Gerendás				
	CH	Joe Marston (c)						CH	Sándor Mátrai				
	LH	Robert "Bob" Young						LH	Oszkár Vileszál				
	OR	Bruce Morrow	5					OR	Tamas Kertesz				65
	IR	Spencer Kitching						IR	Miklos Borsos	23, 33, 66			
	CF	Jack Drinkwater						CF	Pál Orosz	25, X			
	IL	Jack Lennard						IL	Zoltán Friedmanszky				
	OL	Graham McMillan						OL	Máté Fenyvesi				
RESERVES													
	GK	Les Lindner				46		LB	Jozsef Meszaros				45
		Bill Williams						OR	Ferenc Szigeti				65
		Charlie Stewart											

Team Coach	Joe Marston	Team Coach	Professor Arpad Csanadi
Manager	T.C.Tennant	Team Manager	
Assistant Manager			
Referee	Bert Imlay		
Linesman	D.Scott		
Linesman	Vidler		

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 1/8/1957, page 11 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZqg8MC&dat=19570801&printsec=frontpage&hl=en

Hungarian Soccer club Ferencvaros beat Australia, 6-1, at Sydney Sports Ground last night.
Steady rain fell throughout the match, and the centre of the ground was a mudheap.
A cowd of 1,044 paid £333 to see Ferencvaros give another great display of machine-like football.
Ferencvaros led 3-1 at the interval and was content to coast through the second half.
Ferencvaros' inside-right Miklos Borsos scored three goals, and centre-forward Pal Orosz two.
The Australians played splendidly for the first 15 minutes and emulated the Hungarians' clever switching of play and quick running into position.
Ferencvaros outside-right Tamas Kertesz was sent from the field by referee Bert Imlay midway through the second half to remove a protruding nail from his boot.
Australian captain-coach Joe Marston complained to the referee after receiving a deep cut in the front of his leg from the nail.
Kertesz was replaced by Ferenc Szigeti.
Outside-left Mate Fenyvesi again proved one of the most brilliant forwards ever to come to Australia.
Australian outside-right Bruce Morrow opened the scoring in the fifth minute After receiving a pass from the right half Cliff Sander.
Boros equalised after 23 minutes' play.
Boros placed a 30-yard drive past the unsighted goalkeeper Joe Ruyters to put Ferencvaros in front, and Orosz added another goal two minutes later.
Ferencvaros captain Dr. Ferenc Dekany was replaced at right half in the second half by Jozsef Meszaros.
Borsos scored his third goal after 20 minutes' play in the second half, and Australian full-back Al Warren accidentally placed the ball into his own net with minutes remaining.
Marston gave a solid display at centre half, and Queensland outside-left Graham McMillan again impressed Ferencvaros manager Arpad Csanadi with his speedy bursts down the flank.
A return match will be played at Lambert Park on Saturday.
The Australian team will be announced today.
Ferencvaros 6 (M.Borsos 3, P.Orosz 2, A.Warren through own goal), beat Australia 1 (B.Morrow).

match report from The Newcastle Morning Herald, 1/8/1957, page 14

The Ferencvaros (Hungary) Soccer team had a 6-1 win over Australia in the first Test at Sydney Sports Ground to-night.

The match, played in shocking conditions, drew a crowd of 1044, and gate takings were £347.

It was played on a mud patch in driving rain, and a strong wind.

A conference at 5 p.m. between Hungarian and Australian officials decided that the match would go on, wet or fine.

Although they led 3-1 at half-time the Hungarians did not gain the upper hand till the second half. They are accustomed to playing in bad conditions at home and they adapted themselves better than the Australians.

Australia opened the scoring after five minutes play when Bruce Morrow scored after breaking through the centre and easily beating the goalkeeper, Gulyas.

Players on both sides found it hard to control the heavy ball which stopped in pools of water instead of going to their team-mates.

Hungary equalled when Borsos scored after a grand solo effort from half way. He cut through the backs and gave the goalkeeper, Ruyters, no chance.

Borsos scored again 10 minutes later after a scrimmage in front of goal, then Orosz goaled for Hungary to lead 3-1 at half-time.

Ruyters pulled a muscle when he dived and hit the corner post half way through the first half. He was replaced at half-time by Len Lindner, of Leichhardt Club. Australia missed his safe handling.

The Australians held the Hungarians to their 3-1 lead till half way through the second half, when Orosz scored.

The Hungarians led 5-1 when Alex Warren, of Queensland, kicked into his own goal.

At this stage there was an argument between the Australian captain (Joe Marston), the referee (H.Imlay) and a Hungarian player. Marston complained that the Hungarian was using sharp spikes which severly gashed his legs.

Imlay sent the Hungarian off to have the spikes attended to.

Borsos scored his third goal right on the final whistle.

The Hungarians played three replacements in the second half and the three fresh players, who had not battled through the shocking conditions, were too much for the Australians.

Before the match Hungarian and Australian officials decided that up to four players could be replaced at any time in the match.

This is against the rules of F.I.F.A., the world controlling body, which allows only a goalkeeper to be replaced after half-time in a Test match.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
3rd. August 1957, 15.00	Lambert Park, Leichhardt, Sydney, New South Wales			3788

Australia..2 v. Ferencváros (Hungary)..9

half time, Australia..0 v. Ferencváros..5

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Bill Mahoney						GK	Jozsef Virag				
	RB	John Pettigrew						RB	Imre Ombody				
	LB	Kevin O'Neill						LB	Dr.Ferenc Dekany (c)				
	RH	Cliff Sander						RH	András Gerendás	37			
	CH	Joe Marston (c)						CH	Sándor Mátrai				
	LH	Robert "Bob" Young						LH	Oszkár Vileszál				
	OR	Bruce Morrow	48					OR	Tamas Kertesz	16			X
	IR	Spencer Kitching						IR	Miklos Borsos				
	CF	Alan Garside						CF	Pál Orosz				
	IL	Jack Lennard	50					IL	Zoltán Friedmanszky	10, 33, 39, 83			
	OL	Graham McMillan						OL	Máté Fenyvesi				
SUBSTITUTES													
								OR	Ferenc Szigeti	X, X, X			X

Team Coach	Joe Marston	Team Coach	Professor Arpad Csanadi
Manager	T.C.Tennant	Team Manager	
Assistant Manager			
Referee	W."Bill" Jameson		
Linesman	D.Scott		
Linesman	N.McHugh		

match report from The Sun-Herald, 4/8/1957, page 53 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZgq8MC&dat=19570804&printsec=frontpage&hl=en

Hungarian Soccer Club Ferencvaros out-classed Australia at Lambert Park yesterday to win 9-2.
A disappointing crowd of 3,788 paid £1,189 to see Ferencvaros display its best form so far on its Australian tour.
The Australians played poorly - never at any time did they play as a team.
Ferencvaros led 5-nil at half-time, and Australian captain, Joe Marston, gave his team a "pep talk" at half-time.
The Australians ralled and scored two goals in the first five minutes of the second half to give them a fighting chance.
The Hungarians then settled down to play fast, skilful Soccer and give the Australians a lesson in all departments.
Hungarian and Australian officials decided before play to replace only injured players during the match.
Referee W.Jameson had instructions to use his discretion as to the extent of a player's injury.
Ferencvaros opened the scoring after 10 minutes' play when Z.Friedmanszky scored an easy goal.
T.Kertesz then scored in the sixteenth minute to give Ferencvaros a two-nil lead.
From then on the Australians played out of position as they tried to combat the skill of the Hungarians.
Ferencvaros scored three goals in six minutes late in the first half to lead five-nil at half-time.
Friedmanszky scored again after 33 minutes, Gerendas after 37 minutes and Friedmanszky again two minutes later.
B.Morrow and J.Lennard scored two goals in two minutes in the first five minutes in the second half to give Hungary a 5-2 lead.
Hungarian forward Kertesz left the field injured, and his substitute, F.Szigeti, a fresh player, then turned on the fireworks.
He scored three goals in nine minutes in runaway style, outclassing the Australian backs in every goal-scoring movement.
Friedmanszky scored his fourth goal in the eighty-third minute, with the Australians running all over the field to try to counter the opposition's skill.
The only incident occurred when referee Jameson awarded an indirect free-kick to Australia in the second half.
The Hungarians gesticulated and crowded around him, and moved when the kick was taken.
Jameson ordered the kick to be retaken, but the Hungarians crowded the goalmouth and prevented a score.
The Australians had 17 missed scoring chances and the Hungarians 25 during the match.

The Ferencvaros team had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-

29th.June 1957 Western Australia..1 v. Ferencváros..6 at the W.A.C.A. Ground, Perth, Western Australia
30th.June 1957 Western Australia..0 v. Ferencváros..9 at the W.A.C.A. Ground, Perth, Western Australia
3rd.July 1957 South Australia..4 v. Ferencváros..13 at Norwood Oval, Adelaide, South Australia
7th.July 1957 Victoria..1 v. Ferencváros..6 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria
13th.July 1957 FK Austria Wien..1 v. Ferencváros..3 at Melbourne, Victoria
17th.July 1957 Ferencváros..8 v. Eastern Athletic..3 at Sydney Sportsground, Sydney, New South Wales Attendance..4000
20th.July 1957 FK Austria Wien..3 v. Ferencváros..2 at Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales Attendance..20777
21st.July 1957 South Coast Xl..3 v. Ferencváros..5 at Bulli Recreation Ground, Bulli, Wollongong, New South Wales
24th.July 1957 Northern Districts..3 v. Ferencváros..4 at Newcastle Sportsground, Newcastle, New South Wales Attendance..4000
27th.July 1957 Ferencváros..10 v. Eastern Athletic..2 at Brisbane Cricket Ground, Brisbane, Queensland
28th.July 1957 Queensland..1 v. Ferencváros..6 at Brisbane Cricket Ground, Brisbane, Queensland
4th.August 1957 Ferencváros..2 v. Eastern Athletic..2 at Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, Newcastle, New South Wales

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
7th. August 1957, 14.30	North Hobart Ground, Hobart, Tasmania			

Australian Xl..2 v. Eastern Athletic (Hong Kong)..2

half time, Australian Xl..1 v. Eastern Athletic..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Jim McGinley (North-West Coast)						GK	Yung Poy-Dor				
2	RB	William "Bill" Harburn (Victoria)						RB	Szeto Yu				
	LB	Frank Pagini (Victoria)						LB	Lau Yee				
	RH	Robert "Bob" Wemyss (Victoria) (c)						RH	Kung Wah-Kit				
	CH	Jack Mather (South Australia)						CH	Ko Po-Keung (c)				
	LH	Terry Clarke (Launceston)						LH	Lee Kwok-Wah				
	OR	Frank Gmelch (Caledonians)	85(pk)					OR	Szeto Man				
	IR	Alberto Corongiu (Juventus)						IR	Kwok Yau	4			
	CF	Brian Oakes (South Hobart)	16					CF	Yeung Wai-To				
	IL	B.Mole (North-West Coast)						IL	Lo Kwok-Tai	14			
	OL	Abraham (Launceston)						OL	Wong Tak-Fook				

Team Coach		Team Coach	L.J.Channing
Manager		Team Manager	Lee Hang-Lau
Assistant Manager			
Referee			
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from The Mercury, 8/8/1957, page 35

A penalty that will be discussed for many years enabled a combined Australian Xl to share four goals with the touring Eastern Athletic Association soccer team at the North Hobart ground yesterday.

The Chinese did not dispute the infringement, but excitedly declared it was committed outside the penalty area.

The game was held up while they tried to explain this to the referee, and one of the players went off the field to bring the manager into the discussion.

It was all to no avail, however, and Gmelch scored from the spot to level the scores.

The Chinese were the better team, and only the slippery conditions stopped them from scoring several times in the second half.

Their tactics were based on those of the Hungarian team, the only difference being that they took much longer to reach scoring positions.

They would make ground rapidly, and then the movement would be brought to a standstill as the man in possession looked for an unmarked colleague. Another bout of passing would then ensue before the ball was lost or they tried a shot at goal.

They were clearly superior overhead, even though most of them were smaller than their opponents, and they took full advantage of throw-ins, mostly finding an unmarked player.

Clashes in the first half led to incidents on the resumption, and the standard of play deteriorated as a result.

Few enhanced their reputations, and the two outstanding players were Ko Po Keung, the visiting captain and centre-half, and McGinley, who showed splendid anticipation in goal.

Ko gave Oakes a torrid time in the latter's first international game, but it is to his credit that he scored once and hit the post another time.

The forward line, however, was handicapped by the failure of the left-wing pair to settle down against the quick-tackling Chinese.

Kwok Yau opened the scoring in the fourth minute when he surprised McGinley by shooting instead of passing.

The Chinese went further ahead through Lo Kwok Tai 10 minutes later, but Oakes reduced the arrears within two minutes, following what appeared to be hands against Corongiu.

Five minutes before the end Gmelch scored the equaliser from the penalty spot.

The last Eastern team to play here beat Tasmania 6-4 in 1953.

The Mainland players and the Chinese team will leave Hobart today.

J.Mather (S.A.), centre-half, and F.Pagini (V.), full-back, have been invited to join the training squad for the Australian Test team to meet Eastern at Melbourne on Saturday.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
10th. August 1957,	Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria			2672

Australia..2 v. Eastern Athletic (Hong Kong)..1

half time, Australia..0 v. Eastern Athletic..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Joe Ruyters						GK					
	RB	Jack Mather						RB					
	LB	Frank Pagini						LB					
	RH	Jack O'Brien						RH					
	CH	Joe Marston (c)						CH					
	LH	Jim Barr						LH					
	OR	Emmanuel "Lolly" Vella						OR					
	IR	Frank Loughran	X					IR	Ho Cheung-Yau				
	CF	Tom "Pepe" Cubero						CF	Yeung Wai-To	X			
	IL	Sjel "Mike" de Bruyckere	X					IL					
	OL	Ralph Piercy						OL					

Team Coach	Joe Marston	Team Coach	L.J.Channing
Manager		Team Manager	Lee Hang-Lau
Assistant Manager			
Referee	Geoff Harrison		
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from The Age, 12/8/1957, page 16 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=MDQ-9Oe3GGUC&dat=19570812&printsec=frontpage&hl=en

A disappointing crowd of less than 3000 saw Australia defeat Eastern Athletic Hong Kong 2-1 in the third and final soccer Test at Olympic Park on Saturday.
With rain falling steadily throughout the game the ground became a quagmire and players of both teams had difficulty in controlling the ball and maintaining their footing.
The Chinese team showed better balance than the Australians, but the slightly built visitors lacked the strength to drive for goal when given scoring chances.
The scoreless first half was indicative of the play.
The second term opened sensationally when Lauchran seized on a beautiful back-heel pass from Vella and made no mistake from point-blank range.
Australia's second goal came two minutes later when De Bruyckere placed a header from a corner kick past the Chinese 'keeper.
The Chinese fought back well and were rewarded for fine mid-field play when Ho Cheung Yau scored his side's only goal.
The game was dull and lacked fire except for the closing minutes.
The victory gave Australia the rubber - two wins and a draw.

The Eastern Athletic team had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-

3rd.July 1957 South Coast XI..3 v. Eastern Athletic..3 at the Wollongong Showground, Wollongong, New South Wales Attendance..3600
7th.July 1957 Northern Districts..3 v. Eastern Athletic..3 at the Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, Newcastle, New South Wales Attendance..7500
15th.July 1957 Eastern Athletic..2 v. FK Austria..8 at the Sydney Sportsground, Sydney, New South Wales Attendance..4500
17th.July 1957 Eastern Athletic..3 v. Ferencváros..8 at the Sydney Sportsground, Sydney, New South Wales Attendance..4000
24th.July 1957 Queensland..3 v. Eastern Athletic..5 at the Brisbane Cricket Ground, Brisbane, Queensland Attendance..2000
27th.July 1957 Eastern Athletic..2 v. Ferencváros..10 at the Brisbane Cricket Ground, Brisbane, Queensland
28th.July 1957 Lismore..0 v. Eastern Athletic..6 at Lismore, New South Wales Attendance..1500
31st.July 1957 Northern Districts..1 v. Eastern Athletic..5 at Cessnock Sportsground, Cessnock, New South Wales
4th.August 1957 Eastern Athletic..2 v. Ferencváros..2 at the Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, Newcastle, New South Wales
11th.August 1957 Victoria..1 v. Eastern Athletic..2 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria
14th.August 1957 South Australia..4 v. Eastern Athletic..4 at Norwood Oval, Adelaide, South Australia
17th.August 1957 Western Australia..2 v. Eastern Athletic..6 at the W.A.C.A. Ground, Perth, Western Australia
18th.August 1957 Western Australia..0 v. Eastern Athletic..2 at the Bayswater Oval, Perth, Western Australia

prior to the Australian tour Eastern Athletic played three games in Singapore and toured New Zealand.

22nd.August 1957 Singapore Chinese..3 v. Eastern Athletic..3
25th.August 1957 Singapore Selection..3 v. Eastern Athletic..4
25th.August 1957 Singapore..2 v. Eastern Athletic..3
a further match against Singapore was to be played on the 28th.August 1957 but it was cancelled.
8th.June 1957 Canterbury..2 v. Eastern Athletic..6 at Christchurch.
12th.June 1957 Southland..1 v. Eastern Athletic..6 at Invercargill.
15th.June 1957 Otago..0 v. Eastern Athletic..5 at Dunedin.
18th.June 1957 Nelson Combined..0 v. Eastern Athletic..5 at Nelson.
20th.June 1957 Hawke's Bay-Wanganui-Manawatu Combined..0 v. Eastern Athletic..13 at Palmerston North.
22nd.June 1957 New Zealand..1 v. Eastern Athletic..1 at Wellington.
25th.June 1957 Poverty Bay..0 v. Eastern Athletic..4 at Gisborne.
27th.June 1957 Waikato..2 v. Eastern Athletic..4 at Hamilton.
29th.June 1957 New Zealand..2 v. Eastern Athletic..1 at Auckland.
1st.July 1957 Auckland..4 v. Eastern Athletic..5 at Auckland.

After the Australian tour the Eastern Athletic team played in the first Merdeka tournament held in Kuala Lumpar, Malaysia during August/September 1957. Eastern Athletic with the addition of Mok Chun-Wah (of South China A.A.) played under the name Hong Kong League XI and were victorious with Indonesia as the runners-up.
After the tournament Eastern Athletic played a further three matches against Malaysian teams and on the 12th.September 1957 they drew with Singapore Malays in Singapore.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
17th. August 1957,	Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales			3903

Australia..1 v. FK Austria Wien (Austria)..5

half time, Australia..1 v. FK Austria Wien..3

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Jim McCabe						GK	Paul Schweda				25
	RB	Alwyn Warren						RB	Oskar Fischer				
	LB	Frank Pagini						LB	Franz Swoboda				
	RH	Kevin O'Neill						RH	Karl Kowanz (c)				
	CH	Joe Marston (c)						CH	Karl Stotz				
	LH	Jim Barr						LH	Johann Löser				
	OR	Bruce Morrow	24					OR	Imre Mathesz				
	IR	Frank Loughran						IR	Alfred Malik	42, X			
	CF	Tom "Pepe" Cubero						CF	Leopold Baumgartner	37, X			
	IL	Jack Lennard						IL	Rudolf Sabetzer				
	OL	Graham McMillan						OL	Tibor Szalay Csikos	44			
SUBSTITUTES													
								GK	Julius Ondreicska				25, 80
								GK	Paul Schweda				80

Team Coach	Joe Marston	Team Coach	Zrare Vogel
Manager	S.Delves	Team Manager	
Assistant Manager			
Referee			
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from The Sun-Herald, 18/8/1957, page 48 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=lL5f5cZqq8MC&dat=19570818&printsec=frontpage&hl=en

Vienna Soccer club F.K. Austria beat Australia, 5-1, at the S.C.G. yesterday - a few hours before the team left for Vienna.
The Australians gave their best Sydney display this season to lead 1-0 until late in a bright first half.
They at times emulated the Continental short-passing game instead of allowing the F.K. Austria players to easily intercept long passes upfield.
The crowd (a disappointing 3,903) saw chunky F.K. Austria centre-forward Leopold Baumgartner score one of the best goals ever on the S.C.G. in the second half.
Baumgartner weaved his way through the entire cover defence before deliberately angling the ball past Scottish goalkeeper Jim McCabe.
Defenders Joe Marston, Jimmy Barr, John Pettigrew, and Italian Frank Pagani were left shaking their heads or sprawled on the ground by Baumgartner's almost unbelievable footwork.
F.K. Austria led 3-1 at half-time after wasting many scoring chances by poor marksmanship, with inside-left Rudolf Sabetzer the main offender.
Australian outside-right Bruce Morrow opened the scoring after 24 minutes' play.
Morrow thus became the only Australian to score goals against all three visiting teams this winter - Ferencvaros, Hong Kong and F.K. Austria.
Julius Ondreicska replaced F.K. Austria goalkeeper Paul Schweda immediately after Morrow scored.
Schweda said in the dressing-room at half-time that he had aggravated a back injury which has kept him on the sidelines for most of the tour.
Spectators late in the second half had the unique experience of seeing the injured Schweda in turn replace Ondreicska.
Ondreicska limped from the ground after jarring a knee in a clash with Queensland outside-left Graham McMillan.
Baumgartner beat Scottish goalkeeper Jim McCabe with a low drive to equalise in the 37th minute.
F.K. Austria forwards Alfred Malik and Tibor Szalay then scored two goals in an inspired two-minute burst late in the first half.
Former Hungarian Youth International Szalay's drive struck an upright after he raced 35 yards down the left flank.
The ball rebounded almost straight to Szalay's feet, and he cooly placed it over the spreadeagled McCabe.
Veteran F.W. Austrian "stopper" half Karl Stotz was the mainstay of the defence.
Stotz, who has represented Austria in 37 internationals, plans to accept a lucrative coaching offer from the Swedish Government.
Captain-coach Joe Marston was again the hub of the Australian team at centre-half.
F.K. Austria scored 15 goals against 6 to win two of its three matches against Australia this winter.
F.K. Austria, 5 (L.Baumgartner 2, A.Malik 2, T.Szalay) beat Australia, 1 (B.Morrow), at S.C.G.

The F.K. Austria Wien team had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-

3rd.July 1957 Northern Districts..1 v. FK Austria Wien..4 at Cessnock, New South Wales Attendance..3000
13th.July 1957 FK Austria Wien..1 v. Ferencvaros..3 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria Attendance..16581
14th.July 1957 Victoria..2 v. FK Austria Wien..7 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria
15th.July 1957 Eastern Athletic..2 v. FK Austria Wien..5 at Sydney Sportsground, Sydney, New South Wales Attendance..4500
17th.July 1957 South Coast Xl..0 v. FK Austria Wien..2 at Wollongong Sportsground, Woolongong, New South Wales Attendance..2372
20th.July 1957 FK Austria Wien..3 v. Ferencvaros..2 at Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales Attendance..20777
12th.August 1957 New South Wales..1 v. FK Austria Wien..5 at Sydney Sportsground, Sydney, New South Wales Attendance..600
14th.August 1957 Granville District..4 v. FK Austria Wien..9 at Macarthur Park, Granville, Sydney, New South Wales Attendance..904

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Blackpool Football Club was founded in Blackpool, Lancashire on 26th. July 1887 following a meeting of Victoria F.C. and Blackpool St.John's club where they formed the new club.
They became founder members of the Lancashire league but on 13th.May 1896 they became a limited company and applied for entry to the Football League.
Sir Stanley Matthews, often regarded as one of the greatest players of the British game, remained fit enough to play at the top level until he was 50 years old, had two terms at Stoke City but it was his stay at Blackpool from 1947 to 1961 that gave him the most reward. He won a F.A.Cup winners medal in 1953 after two runners-up medals in 1948 and 1951.
He was the oldest player ever to play in England's top football division and the oldest player ever to represent England.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
3rd. May 1958,	Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales			24000

Australia..2 v. Blackpool (England)..5

half time, Australia..0 v. Blackpool..3

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
						START LIST							
	GK	Jim McCabe						GK	George Farm				
	RB	Alwyn Warren				X		RB	Tom Garrett				
	LB	Harry Murdoch						LB	Jack Wright				
	RH	Wim "Bill" Westerveld						RH	Jimmy Kelly				
	CH	Joe Marston (c)						CH	Roy Gatrix				
	LH	John Pettigrew						LH	Hugh Kelly (c)				
	OR	Bruce Morrow	X					OR	Stanley Matthews				
	IR	Frank Loughran	X					IR	Jimmy Hagan	X			
	CF	Tom McWatters						CF	Ray Charnley	17			
	IL	Spencer Kitching						IL	Malcolm Starkey	X			
	OL	Brian Vogler						OL	Bill Perry	35, 70			
						SUBSTITUTES							
	RB	Alec Fraser				X							

Team Coach		Trainer	Alex Wilson
		Team Manager	Eric Hayward
Referee	H.Imlay		
Linesman		Squad List	Goalkeeper
Linesman			Fullbacks
			Half-backs
			Forwards

	George Farm
	Tom Garrett
	Jack Wright
	Jimmy Armfield
	Barrie Martin
	Jimmy Kelly
	Roy Gatrix
	Hugh Kelly (c)
	Ewan Fenton
	Peter Hauser
	Bryan Snowdon
	Stanley Matthews
	Jimmy Hagan
	Ray Charnley
	Malcolm Starkey
	Bill Perry

Jimmy Hagan was in fact a Sheffield United player but was given permission to play for Blackpool on this tour by the Football Association.

match report from The Sun-Herald, 4/5/1958, page 63 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZqq8MC&dat=19580504&printsec=frontpage&hl=en

Stanley Matthews, playing with injured feet, yesterday gave the crowd of 24,000 at the Sports Ground their money's worth.
The 43-year-old Matthews showed why he is the most famous Soccer player in the world with a magical display at outside right.
Blackpool, which finished seventh in the English first division, easily beat Australia 5-2 in a bright match.
Blackpool played almost casually at times.
Matthews spent a sleepless Wednesday night in Los Angeles after having the swollen big toe on his right foot lanced just before a match against an American all-star team.
The needle broke and took some time to be removed.
Matthews had to change his left boot early in the second half after a nail had cut into the ball of his foot.
Matthews will play against N.S.W. at Wallsend today.
Australian captain Joe Marston, who played against Matthews in England, said after the match: "He is still the one and only Stanley Matthews. Forty-three years of age, and he hasn't slipped. It's amazing."
Matthews' most bewildering weapon was his body swerve.
He did not touch the ball until the sixth minute of the match.
Scottish goalkeeper George Farm annoyed spectators when he sprawled on his back in front of his goal as Blackpool forwards stormed the Australian defence.
His rather slight figure was hunched over the ball, tantalisingly kept between his feet.
Matthews drew Australian full-back Harry Murdoch to the tackle like a spider beckoning a fly.
Then he slipped past him with a wiggle of his hips and a flick of the outside of his foot.
The sleek-haired Matthews proved a nightmare to full-back Murdoch.
An edgy Murdoch was troubled by stomach cramps after taking a sedative late on Friday night to settle his nerves.
Then he strained his back propping suddenly when Matthews slipped the ball between his legs.
Scot Jim McCabe brought off many game saves in the Australian goal.
The crowd roared its approval when the quicksilver Matthews made Perry's first goal in the thirty-fifth minute of the first half.
Matthews cut in and, with the Australian defenders expecting him to shoot for goal, he cut the ball across to Perry, who had come in from the flank.
Blackpool led 3-0 at the interval after Australia had the assistance of a strong breeze in the first half.
Tall Blackpool centre-forward Roy Charnley opened the scoring after 17 minutes' play by pushing the ball past McCabe after clever work by veteran inside-right Jimmy Hagan.
South African-born Bill Perry scored two great goals at outside-left.
The Blackpool right-wing triangle, Matthews, Hagan, and right-half Jimmy Kelly continually drew the defence from Perry before angling the ball to him.
Perry's second goal midway through the second half was a gem. He raced 30 yards down the left flank, cut in, and left McCabe stranded with a low drive.
Australian captain Joe Marston gave his best display of the season at centre-half.
Queensland full-back Al Warren, aggravated an old knee injury in the second half and was replaced by Murdoch's Balgownie clubmate Alec Fraser.
Officials were delighted with the size of the crowd.
The gate takings were about £7,000.
Blackpool, 5 (W.Perry 2, R.Charnley, J.Hagan, M.Starkey), beat Australia, 2 (F.Loughran, B.Morrow)

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
10th. May 1958,	Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales			17879

Australia..2 v. Blackpool (England)..8

half time, Australia..2 v. Blackpool..3

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Jim McCabe						GK	George Farm				
	RB	Kevin O'Neill						RB	Tom Garrett				
	LB	Harry Murdoch						LB	Jack Wright				
	RH	Norman Rule						RH	Jimmy Kelly				
	CH	Joe Marston (c)						CH	Roy Gatrix				
	LH	Bede Greenfield						LH	Hugh Kelly (c)				
	OR	Bill McLean						OR	Stanley Matthews	88			
	IR	Frank Loughran						IR	Jimmy Hagan	X			
	CF	Bruce Morrow						CF	Ray Charnley	25, 28, 52			
	IL	Spencer Kitching						IL	Malcolm Starkey	X			
	OL	Gordon Nunn	5, 14					OL	Bill Perry	35, X			
Team Coach							Trainer		Alex Wilson				
							Team Manager		Eric Hayward				
Referee		Keith Urwin											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sun-Herald, 11/5/1958, page 63 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=lL5f5cZqq8MC&dat=19580511&printsec=frontpage&hl=en

Stanley Matthews scored his second goal in nearly two years in Blackpool's runaway 8-2 win over Australia at the Sports Ground yesterday.
Australia shocked the crowd of 18,000 by leading 2-0 after 14 minutes.
The 43-year-old Matthews rarely scores more than a couple of goals in the long English season.
Blackpool has scored 34 goals on its world tour, but yesterday was Matthews' first scoring effort.
Despite an infected toe, Matthews captivated the crowd with a bewitching display at outside-right.
He had presented goals to Blackpool team-mates, Ray Charnley and Mel Starkey, after dribbling the Australian defence off its feet.
Then he decided to score in the closing stages.
Matthews slipped inside full-back Harry Murdoch with a flick of his foot and a wiggle of his hips a minute from full-time.
He steadied himself before placing a swerving drive past goalkeeper Jim McCabe into the top of the net.
Blackpool secretary Fred Jones said Matthews had scored his last goal in a match against Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1956-7 season.
Blackpool's right-wing pair, matthews and 41-year-old Jimmy Hagan, were in sparkling form.
Hagan, who is touring with Blackpool as a guest player, plans to retire on his return to England.
He made several goals, and repeatedly had would-be tacklers running the wrong way with clever feinting.
The match produced some of the finest football seen in Sydney for years.
Blackpool after leading 3-2 at half-time, swamped Australia in the second half.
South African-born outside-left, Bill Perry, scored two fine goals with nimble footwork.
He has scored 11 goals in Blackpool's four matches to date.
Perry often wandered infield to split the Australian defence as an extra inside-right.
Tall Ray Charnley scored three alert goals.
The Australian players were far from disgraced.
Queensland outside-left, Gordon "Bunny" Nunn celebrated his 30th birthday by scoring two fine goals.
Nunn opened the scoring in the fourth minute of the match, pushing the ball past Blackpool goalkeeper, Scot George Farm, after good work by centre-forward, Bruce Morrow.
Matthews winced as he limped away after being heavily tackled by Australian left-half, Bede Greenfield.
Australia was on top when Nunn scored his second goal 10 minutes later amid great excitement.

He beat Farm with a low drive after smart work by Greenfield, and inside-left, Spencer Kitching.
The 19-year-old greenfield gave a steady display in his first match for Australia, as did Queenslander Norm Rule at right-half.
Then the Blackpool players began to settle down.
The rangy Charnley opened Blackpool's account in the twenty-fifth minute after Perry drew the defence.
Charnley equalised three minutes later. It was Matthews' goal.
The sleek-haired Matthews beat Australian defenders, Joe Marston, Kitching and Greenfield in a propping 50-yards run upfield.
He lobbed past Marston, and cunningly and precisely placed the ball to elude goalkeeper McCabe. Charnley nodded the ball into the net.
Charnley almost scored again minutes later, but Marston stopped him with a grand sliding tackle.
Perry put Blackpool ahead 3-2 10 minutes from half-time with a magnificent individual goal.
The stocky South African cut inside full-back Kevin O'Neill, and raced 30 yards before blasting the ball past McCabe.
Blackpool turned on its big guns in the second half.
Charnley scored his third goal seven minutes after the resumption to put Blackpool ahead 4-2.
Perry swung the ball across to Hagan, who slipped it to Charnley. He gave McCabe no chance with a 15-yards drive.
Matthews seemed reluctant to score himself, and twice pushed the ball to unmarked team-mates instead of shooting.
Hagan, Perry, and Starkey added goals against a demoralised Australian defence.
Starkey had netted twice earlier, but was ruled offside.
In the closing stages Matthews scored.
Gate takings were about £5,000.
Blackpool, 8 (R.Charnley 3, W.Perry 2, J.Hagan, M.Starkey, S.Matthews), beat Australia, 2 (G.Nunn 2).

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
17th. May 1958, 15.00	Brisbane Cricket Ground, Woolloongabba, Brisbane, Queensland			16700

Australia..2 v. Blackpool (England)..4

half time, Australia..0 v. Blackpool (England)..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Brian Topfer						GK	George Farm				
	RB	Kevin O'Neill						RB	Tom Garrett				
	LB	Harry Murdoch						LB	Jack Wright				
	RH	Norman Rule						RH	Jimmy Kelly				
	CH	Joe Marston (c)	53(pk)					CH	Roy Gatrix				
	LH	Bede Greenfield						LH	Hugh Kelly (c)	X			
	OR	Cliff Almond						OR	Stanley Matthews				
	IR	Frank Loughran						IR	Jimmy Hagan	23, X			
	CF	Bruce Morrow						CF	Ray Charnley				
	IL	Spencer Kitching						IL	Malcolm Starkey				
	OL	Brian Vogler	X					OL	Bill Perry	83			
Team Coach							Trainer		Alex Wilson				
							Team Manager		Eric Hayward				
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sunday Mail, 18/5/1958, page 36

Crack English Soccer team Blackpool had to fight hard all the way to defeat Australia by four goals to two at the Brisbane Cricket Ground yesterday.

It was the best display ever given by an Australian team in Brisbane, and showed that the players are learning a lot from the recent tours of overseas teams.

Blackpool captain, Hugh Kelly, and world famous outside-right, Stanley Matthews, said after the game that Australia had shown much improvement on the two previous Sydney matches.

An estimated crowd of 16,700 wildly urged on the Australians late in the second half when it looked as if they might equalise the scores at 3-all.

But the Blackpool defence, headed by centre-half Roy Gratrix, was too solid.

Blackpool star, Stanley Matthews, did not get a lot of the ball, but when he did he showed amazing footwork and ball control.

He thrilled the crowd in the second half with two glorious runs with the ball at his toe.

On the first occasion he ran past five defenders, but his shot at goal was wide.

The second time he again beat several opponents and sent over a perfect centre, which inside-right Jim Hagan headed into the goal after diving headlong to get to it.

Blackpool's superior ball control and positional play was nullified to some extent by the way in which the Australians stood right up to them.

But Blackpool's cover defence was again superb, and stopped many dangerous attacking moves, especially in a hectic second half.

Blackpool halves, Gratrix, Hugh and Jim Kelly, dominated the game. They kept up a string of passes to the forwards, and kept a close watch on all Australian thrusts.

They were ably backed up by full-backs Tom Garrett and Jack Wright.

Hagan and outside-left, Bill Perry, were the stars of the forward line.

Hagan, with superb footwork, made many openings, and scored two goals himself, while Perry's speed on the left flank made him a continual danger.

The English side were not so sure in front of goal as usual, and missed several chances, especially 6ft centre-forward Ray Charnley

Much credit must go to the Australian defenders, led by captain Joe Marston, at centre-half.

Marston, a former English professional, kept the centre of the field closed, and was an inspiration to his team in defence.

Marston's only error was with Blackpool's third goal.

Hugh Kelly had sent in a hard shot, which goalkeeper Brian Topfer had covered.

Marston, in attempting to clear, deflected the ball into the net.

The three Queenslanders in the team thoroughly justified their inclusion.

Goalkeeper Topfer made many good saves, and could not be blamed for the four that beat him.

Norm Rule did a splendid job in the halves, and Brian Vogler, on the left wing, was one of the hardest players on the field.

He netted Australia's second goal with a gem of a shot from about 25 yards out.
Kev O'Neill, at full-back, and Bede Greenfield, 19-year-old left half, also played a prominent part in Australia's fighting effort.
Victorian inside-right, Frank Loughran, was the best of the Australian forwards.
He showed clever control and his passes were usually well-placed.
One weakness Australia will have to overcome is in front of goal.
There were too many passes in the air to the forwards, which were usually intercepted by the Blackpool defenders.
Blackpool's only goal in the first half came when Hagan netted 23 minutes after the start.
Australia equalised eight minutes after the start of the second half with a penalty kick by Marston.
Then Hagan, with a diving header from Matthews' cross, made the score 2-1, and seven minutes later Kelly's goal increased Blackpool's advantage.
Vogler reduced the leeway with a great shot and the crowd urged Australia on to equalise, but the Blackpool defence held.
Seven minutes from time Perry beat several opponents to score Blackpool's fourth.
Attendance was 16,700; gate takings £4200.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
24th. May 1958,	Adelaide Oval, Adelaide, South Australia	Heavy ground		18000

Australia..0 v. Blackpool (England)..1

half time, Australia..0 v. Blackpool (England)..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Jim McCabe						GK	George Farm				
	RB	Kevin O'Neill						RB	Tom Garrett				
	LB	Fulvio "Fred" Pagini						LB	Jack Wright				
	RH	Norman Rule						RH	Ewan Fenton				
	CH	Joe Marston (c)						CH	Roy Gatrix				
	LH	Don West						LH	Hugh Kelly (c)				
	OR	Brian Vogler						OR	Stanley Matthews				
	IR	William "Bill" McLean						IR	Jimmy Hagan				
	CF	Bruce Morrow						CF	Ray Charnley	30			
	IL	Spencer Kitching						IL	Peter Hauser				
	OL	Doug Stewart						OL	Malcolm Starkey				
Team Coach							Trainer		Alex Wilson				
							Team Manager		Eric Hayward				
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from the Sunday Mail (Adelaide), 24/5/1958, page 64

In a game which was not brilliant, but in which Australia fought on strongly in the second half, Blackpool defeated Australia 1-0 in the fourth soccer "Test" at Adelaide Oval today.

About 18,500 spectators saw the visitors fully extended by the home players.

Although the ground was heavy, conditions were good.

The teams were:-

Blackpool: Farm; Garrett, Wright; Fenton, Gratrix, Kelly; Matthews, Hagen, Charnley, Hauser, Starkey.

Australia: McCabe; O'Neill, Pagani; Rule, Marston, West; Vogler, McLean, Morrow, Kitching, Stewart.

Blackpool started off slowly, and although they had two chances in the first few minutes they did not make use of them.

International star Stanley Matthews received an ovation as soon as the ball came to him. He was at his best in the first half, when he completely bewildered left back Pagani.

Matthews was not in the game so much in the second half, when Pagani's close checking ruffled him.

After 10 minutes Matthews crosse to Charnley, but his shot went over the bar.

McCabe, the Australian goalkeeper, made a brilliant one-handed save as Charnley drove in a shot from close range and received an ovation.

Australia broke away down the left wing. Stewart got the ball over the heads of the Blackpool defenders, but his shot went outside the post.

Misjudging a high pass, Marston gave Hauser a run through to within five yards of the goal, but McCabe again showed brilliant judgment to block the shot.

Another Australian move down the left wing looked promising but the Blackpool defence cleared as the ball came over into the penalty area.

McCabe dived at full length to take the ball off the foot of Charnley, but with 30 minutes gone Blackpool found the net.

Matthews bewildered Pagani and took the ball in along the goalline.

From there he put a fast cross over to Charnley, who hit the ball first time to give McCabe no chance.

Australia had a scoring chance when Kitching swung a pass across the goals to Stewart at outside left but the winger failed to reach the ball.

The Australian team, who had defended well although generally outplayed in the first half, looked more dangerous after the interval.

They had another scoring chance when Stewart got the ball over to Morrow at centre-forward.

However, the ball ran off his chest and before Vogler could get to it Farm, the Blackpool goalie, scooped it up.

Hauser then drove in a hard rising shot for Blackpool, and McCabe pushed it up with one hand.

The ball hit the crossbar, bounced once more on the bar, and then came down into play where McCabe dived to gather and clear.

Morrow had another chance for Australia, but not realising that he was on his own, he kicked wildly when he could have steadied himself for a placed shot.

Australia, now playing their best soccer of the game, were unlucky when Morrow hit the post with Farm beaten.

Sensing the possibility of Australia forcing a draw, the crowd roared encouragement but the Blackpool defence had the measure of the Australian forwards.
The game was now vigorous and full of interest.
Twice within a few minutes the game was held up as McCabe received treatment after being winded in heavy goalmouth collisions.
Then Matthews, who had been given a rough second half, cut in along the goal-line.
He drove a left-foot shot right across the goals in a last-minute Blackpool effort.
Details:-
Blackpool, 1 Australia, 0.
Goalscorer - Blackpool: Charnley.
Best players - Blackpool: Wright, Kelly, Hagen, Matthews. Australia: McCabe, Marston, Morrow, Rule.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
31st. May 1958,	Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria			22000

Australia..0 v. Blackpool (England)..7

half time, Australia..0 v. Blackpool (England)..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Joe Ruyters						GK	George Farm				
	RB	Kevin O'Neill						RB	Tom Garrett				
	LB	Fulvio "Fred" Pagini						LB	Jack Wright	X			
	RH	Bob Wemyss						RH	Jimmy Kelly				
	CH	Joe Marston (c)						CH	Roy Gatrix				
	LH	Tony Bella						LH	Ewan Fenton	X			
	OR	Frank Gmelch						OR	Stanley Matthews	40			
	IR	Bruce Morrow						IR	Jimmy Hagan	50, X			
	CF	Alec Beattie						CF	Ray Charnley				
	IL	Frank Loughran						IL	Malcolm Starkey	X, X			
	OL	Gordon Nunn						OL	Bill Perry				
Team Coach							Trainer		Alex Wilson				
							Team Manager		Eric Hayward				
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Age, 2/6/1958, page 18 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=MDQ-9Oe3GGUC&dat=19580602&printsec=frontpage&hl=en
Blackpool, with Stanley Matthews starring, crushed Australia 7-0 in the final soccer "test" of the series, at Olympic Park on Saturday.
About 25,000 people paid £8000 to see Matthews give a remarkable display of dribbling.
The speed of the 43-year-old Matthews was amazing. With his long strides he left recognised speedsters lagging behind.
Australia, although outclassed in the scientific side of the game, was not disgraced, and the refusal to give in earned applause.
Marston, the Australian captain, eclipsed his team-mates, and his fine head work, particularly in the first half, saved many goals.
The only other Australian player that stood out was Ruyters in goal. Several of his saves were clapped by the Blackpool team.
The first goal of the game came just before half time, when Matthews received a pass from Hagan and romped through the Australian defence in a solo run that ended with the ball being steered past Ruyters.
The second half opened with a brilliant run by Hagan that carried him 30 yards upfield. At point-blank range, the English international drove the ball past Ruyters, who was beaten by the speed of the shot.
From then it was clear that the superior condition of the professional players was taking its toll of Australian energy.
Even after the game ended, Matthews had to give a further demonstration of evasion to escape hundreds of fans, but the good-natured Englishman took it well and even signed several autographs.
Both Australian and Blackpool officials were impressed by the wonderful playing surface of Olympic Park.
FIFTH "TEST". - Blackpool 7 d. Australia 0. Scorers, Matthews 1, Hagan 2, Fenton 1, Wright 1, Starkey 2.

The Blackpool team had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-
4th.May 1958 New South Wales..0 v. Blackpool..8 at the Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, New South Wales Attendance..14000
11th.May 1958 New South Wales..2 v. Blackpool..7 at the Wollongong Showground, Wollongong, New South Wales
13th.May 1958 Queensland..0 v. Blackpool..9 at the Exhibition Ground, Brisbane, Queensland
20th.May 1958 Northern District..1 v. Blackpool..6 at the Cessnock Sportsground, Cessnock, New South Wales
The Tasmanian leg of the tour was cancelled because of rain.
25th.May 1958 Victoria..0 v. Blackpool..8 at the Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria Attendance..20000
2nd.June 1958 Western Australia..0 v. Blackpool..2 at the W.A.C.A Ground, Perth, Western Australia Attendance..11000
4th.June 1958 South Australia..0 v. Blackpool..2 at the Norwood Oval, Adelaide, South Australia

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
2nd. August 1958, 14.30	Blandford Park, Auckland, New Zealand	Muddy and rain		4500

Auckland Province (New Zealand)..2 v. Australia..1

half time, Auckland Province..1 v. Australia..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Kenneth Hough (Auckland)				52		GK	Jim McCabe				
	RB	Douglas Lapwood (Gisborne)						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	John "Jock" Aird (Gisborne)						LB	Harry Murdoch				
	RH	W.Walsh (Auckland)						RH	Robert "Bob" Wemyss				
	CH	Theo van der Broek (Auckland)						CH	Joe Marston (c)				
	LH	Kenneth Armstrong (c) (Gisborne)						LH	Ron Adair				
	OR	A.Barker (Auckland)	25					OR	Emmanuel "Lolly" Vella				
	IR	J.Wrathall (Auckland)						IR	Frank Loughran	5			
	CF	William Hume (Waikato)	X					CF	Bruce Morrow				
	IL	J.Brown (Auckland)						IL	Spencer Kitching				
	OL	Gary Eccles (Auckland)						OL	Gordon "Bunny" Nunn				
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	T.Gavan (Auckland)				52							

Team Coach		Trainer	
		Team Manager	Harold Barwick
Referee	A.Furse		
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from the New Zealand Herald, 4/8/1958

The Auckland Province won most handsomely when it defeated Australia, 2-1, at Soccer at Blandford Park on Saturday in the opening match of the visitors' New Zealand tour. With much rain and very little sun during the week - there was a long heavy shower an hour before the match commenced - the park was the heaviest it has been so far this season.

The conditions were completely foreign to the Australians, who could not move the ball. But the Province's forwards and backs combined so well that it is probable that the result would have been the same on a firm pitch.

Tactics played a big part in the result, and much credit must go to the Auckland captain, K.Armstrong, and the vice-captain, W.Walsh, for the way the home side kept to a plan and enlarged upon it. Walsh, in particular, played an outstanding game, starting and destroying movements with a minimum of effort. He and Armstrong changed positions frequently and fed the wings, A.Barker on the right and G.Eccles on the left as well as the centre-forward, W.Hume. Both Armstrong and Walsh did many clever things which earned the applause of the crowd.

The match in the first half, in spite of the conditions, was fast and exciting. When the teams came off the field at halftime with the score at 1-1, they were both given a hearty ovation for their display. In the second spell, the mud took a more prominent part in the game and the Australians began to feel the weight of the Blandford Park mud on their boots. Their right wing, L.Vella, did not appreciate the conditions at all and suffered from cramp several times.

If anyone starred in the Auckland team it could possibly have been Barker, mainly because he was given a mountain of work to do. He had a terrific turn of speed, a fine centre and a poerhouse shot at goal. Hume also chased the long kicks industriously and he was as dangerous as T. van der Broek in his heading. In fact, the medium-sized Australians were invariably beaten in the air when it came to a high kick. Hume's goal simply tore into the net.

J.Wrathall, the inside-right, did a tremendous amount of hard work usually feeding Barker or Hume. He was always in a sea of mud and could do little else. J.Brown, the inside-left, fitted into the pattern of play well, although tactics did not give him much of the ball.

It was the Auckland defence which was the greatest headache for the Australians. The right back, J.Aird, did everything correctly and D.Lapwood, the other back, tackled superbly, even if his clearances were not quite up to the same standard. Van der Broek more or less cancelled out the Australian centre-forward, B.Morrow. K.Hough and later T.Gavan, in goal - Hough went off injured in the second half - really had no great worries all day.

Auckland may possibly have increased its score had it not been for the Australian captain and centre half, J.Marston. On two or three occasions Marston turned the ball away from goal at the last moment. He also kept a firm hand on Hume. F.Loughran, the inside-right, looked to be the most dangerous forward at the start but like Wrathall he became bogged down later.

J.McCabe, the goalkeeper, must be one of the best positional players seen here for a long time. Shots invariably came straight at him. In fact, the whole team kept their positions well. It was unfortunate that it should strike a powerful provincial side on such a ground in its first match.

Right from the kick-off Auckland launched fierce attacks on the Australian goal using Barker on the wing. But the Australians supplied the first shock when Loughran scored after five minutes.

Lapwood, when 10 yards in front of his goal, failed to clear across field and instead kicked straight at the onrushing Loughran. The ball rebounded off the Australian and flew past the amazed Hough into the net.
However, the Aucklanders were giving a fine display of ball control in the mud - Armstrong's and Walsh's trapping was outstanding - and Barker soon tested McCabe with two fierce shots. One hit the crossbar and the other sailed straight into him. After 25 minutes, he equalised, however, after Walsh manoeuvred the ball for Barker to cross to Hume. Hume headed it back to Barker, who crashed in a first-timer. There was no more scoring in this half.
After seven minutes in the second half, Hough received a gash on the kneecap and was carried off. T.Gavan replaced him. Auckland had forced five corners so far and was doing everything but score. In the end it scored from its tenth corner. Eccles took it. McCabe puched it out and Hume, standing well back, gave him no chance. Australia came very close to equalising on one or two occasions, but Auckland never lost its grip.
In spite of the weather the match attracted a crowd of 4500.
Mr. A.Furse kept a tight hold on the game.

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
5th. August 1958,	Basin Reserve, Wellington, New Zealand	Windy		4000

Wellington Province (New Zealand)..2 v. Australia..2

half time, Wellington Province..0 v. Australia..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
1	GK	Peter Whiting (Miramar Rangers)					1	GK	Jim McCabe				
2	RB	Brian Howell (Marist)					2	RB	Kevin O'Neill	X(og)			
3	LB	Gordon McClelland (Seatoun)					3	LB	Ron Adair				
4	RH	Jimmy Warrender (Railways)					4	RH	Robert "Bob" Wemyss				
5	CH	Brian Fletcher (Seatoun)					5	CH	Joe Marston (c)				
6	LH	Keith Gibson (c) (Seatoun)				X	6	LH	Norman Rule				
7	OR	F.Nicol (Railways)					7	OR	Emmanuel "Lolly" Vella	61			
8	IR	Rodney Reid (Miramar Rangers)					8	IR	Frank Loughran				
9	CF	A."Brahm" Schryvers (Stop Out)					9	CF	Bruce Morrow	8			
10	IL	Ron Kearns (Seatoun)	X				10	IL	Spencer Kitching				
11	OL	Thomas "Tommy" McCabe (Marist)					11	OL	Brian Vogler				
SUBSTITUTES													
12		W.Lisk (Miramar Rangers)				X							

Team Coach		Trainer	
		Team Manager	Harold Barwick
Referee	B.Dobson		
Linesman	T.Ward		
Linesman	E.Lester		

Emmanuel Vella is also shown as Lou Vella.

match report from the Evening Post, 6/8/1958

One searching question was asked following the Australia - Wellington clash at the Basin Reserve yesterday: how will the trans-Tasman visitors fare against New Zealand when they can't even beat two North Island provincial sides?

When they went down to Auckland, they blamed the state of the ground, and perhaps justifiably. But the Basin was in park-like condition, although there was a disconcerting southerly. Of course, this affected both teams, and as the Australians had the lion's share of the play, they should have won. They could only manage a 2-2 draw.

Are they keeping something in reserve? If they are, it will be worth seeing, because their attempts at goal left a lot to be desired. Can they, in fact, play good football? Unquestionably. Unlike Wellington, they let the ball do most of the work.

Again, unlike Wellington, there was little kicking into open spaces in the hope that someone was fast enough to get it. The ball went to a man, and the sender always ran into a strategic position.

Their inter-positional switching was bewildering and showed football brains.

Their inability to win is simply that - like teams in New Zealand also - they have no "sure-thing" goal-shooter.

Yesterday's game would not be worth remembering were it not for the fact that Wellington scored about 20 minutes from full time. From then on it took a new lease of life and was entertaining - in fact thrilling.

Wellington's goal, from Seatoun's Kearns, was a crackerjack, but Wellington were very lucky to draw. They would not have done so had Australia's left back O'Neill not made centre-forward Schryvers a very happy man when he screwed the Dutchman's cross into his own net.

Australia's first goal came in the eighth minute when centre-half Marston, the most unruffled man on the field, took a slide-rule free kick from 15 yards which floated over the heads of the host defence. Then centre forward Morrow did the sort of thing which should happen more often. He judged speed, direction and height to a centimeter, soared like a swallow and glanced the ball well out of the reach of Whiting.

The second half was 16 minutes old when came No.2. Inside right Loughran flicked a Vella throw-in to Rule who judiciously hoged it until Vella was properly positioned to bash it in. A nice piece of work, this move.

With only 10 men, centre-half Fletcher having his face stitched as the result of a "heads" collision, Wellington's first goal was practically "talked" in by the crowd who were howling for action.

The Aussie defence were in smithereens as Nicol, Schryvers and Reid ran rampant. Kearns was shadowing them and purposely hung back in the hope of a stray ball. His anticipation was perfect and when it came, he dallied only long enough to see an opening and the visiting 'keeper would have scorched his hands had he been able to get near it.

Near the end, Schryvers veered out to the right wing and his shot was netted by O'Neill. What a pity, as the full back's slate was reasonably clean till then.

Miramar's 19-year-old Whiting was terrific in goal as indeed he has been all season. Howell was kept very busy and McClelland took a long time to settle down.

Warrender was again the quiet man who put in overtime in donkey work and Fletcher was playing the game of his life before he had to go off. Gibson, the captain, went off in the first half with an ankle injury which

had him limping only slightly but he was taking no chances with the Chatham Cup final only three days away. W.Lisk, of Miramar Rangers, came on with the No.12 jersey.
Nicol again became the crowd's personality boy with his antics and his bursts of speed. If only he would stay on the wing… Reid acquitted himself well enough when he dropped back but disappointed in front of goal, and Schryvers repeated most of the form he has been showing for most of the season: tearaway and blazeaway - but mostly over the bar.
Kearns certainly made a name for himself on the day's play and he more than deserved his picture goal while McCabe has shown more scuttle and sparkle. His corner kicks, however, were delightful.
The best forward on the field was Australia's F.Loughran, who has been "capped" 28 times and formerly played for Bangor, the Irish senior league club. He sold enough "dummies" to keep an army of babies quiet and had Soccer in every sinew. He never kept the ball when there was an unmarked colleague and his passes never went astray.
Rule, Marston, Vella and Wemyss also caught the eye for their never-say-die efforts.
Teams:-
Wellington. - P.Whiting (Miramar); B.Howell (Marist), G.McClelland (Seatoun); J.Warrender (Railways), B.Fletcher (Seatoun), K.Gibson (Seatoun); F.Nicol (Railways), R.Reid (Miramar), A.Schryvers (Stop Out), R.Kearns (Seatoun), T.McCabe (Marist).
Australia, - J.McCabe; K.O'Neill, R.Adair; R.Wemyss, J.Marston, N.Rule; L.Vella, F.Loughran, B.Morrow, S.Kitching, B.Vogler.

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
7th. August 1958, 14.45	Trafalgar Park, Nelson, New Zealand	Firm ground and sunshine		1500

Nelson Combined XI (New Zealand)..0 v. Australia..6

half time, Nelson Combined..0 v. Australia..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	W.Neilson						GK	William "Wally" Firkins				
	RB	P.Perkins						RB	Jack Mather				
	LB	L.Hurd						LB	Ron Adair				
	RH	G.Newell						RH	Norman Rule				
	CH	K.Dempster						CH	Joe Marston (c)	X(pk)			
	LH	E.Fox						LH	Robert "Bob" Wemyss				
	OR	F.Nicol						OR	Emmanuel "Lolly" Vella	48			
	IR	Alan Smith						IR	Bruce Morrow	X, 88			
	CF	J.Donovan						CF	Gordon "Bunny" Nunn	75			
	IL	R.Stewart						IL	Frank Loughran	54			
	OL	O.Bajema						OL	Brian Vogler				
Team Coach							Trainer						
							Team Manager		Harold Barwick				
Referee		R.H.Royce											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from the Nelson Evening Mail, 8/8/1959

The Australian touring soccer team beat Nelson Combined by six goals to nil at Trafalgar Park yesterday afternoon.

A fine first half performance by the Combined XI held the visitors to a goal-less draw at half time. The tourists adopted different tactics after the change round which put a vastly different complexion on the game. Whereas in the early spell, the Combined team's defence had proved a tough nut to crack, the Australians, with fast inter-passing movements, often had them spread-eagled in the second half.

Finding for the first time on the tour entirely favourable conditions - a hard fast ground with the weather beautifully fine and an absence of wind - the visitors, once they had settled down, were able to demonstrate to a crowd of some 1500 spectators that they could play soccer well.

Several positional changes were made in the Australian team. They included the switching over of the full backs as well as the wing halves. This was done, it was learnt after the match, to counter the combined right winger, F.Nicol (Wellington) who they had met two days before in the Capital City. The changes paid dividends as Nicol rarely came into the picture yesterday.

The teams were:-

Australia : W.Firkin; J.Mather, R.Adair; N.Rule, J.Marston, R.Wemyss; L.Vella, B.Morrow, G.Nunn, F.Loughran, B.Volger.

Nelson Combined : W.Neilson; P.Perkins, L.Hurd; G.Newell, K.Dempster, E.Fox; F.Nicol, A.Smith, J.Donovan, R.Stewart, O.Bajema.

Referee : Mr.R.H.Royce (Canterbury).

Australia kicked off into the sun but the first raid came from the home side when a shot by Donovan just cleared the crossbar. After Dempster had safely cleared the first corner gained by the visitors, Loughran came back but his shot sailed over the bar. Then Morrow put a header past the upright as Australia turned on the pressure and gained another corner which Hurd cleared.

Forcing the play into Australian territory, Smith tried a long shot but it was too high. The goal kick found Rule and he sent Morrow away but Dempster intercepted and the ball went for a corner. A lovely dropping shot into the goalmouth spelt danger but Perkins saved, only to concede a further corner and this time it was Neilson who fisted the ball clear.

A spectacular run down the wing by Nicol was stopped by Adair but the fullback was forced into error and a corner to the Combined team resulted. This was easily cleared and Australia were back hammering their opponent's defence to gain a further corner and once again it was Perkins who eased the pressure.

Australia were a shade lucky not to give away a penalty in the 28th minute when the referee caught a visiting defender infringing. The free kick was taken from the edge of the penalty area by Bajema whose shot found Smith whose header was well saved by Firkin.

Next it was Newell's turn to block another attack on the home goal. His quick action resulted in Morrow's drive being cleared right off the goal-line.

Combined forwards were seeing a fair share of the ball but they were over-inclined to punt it too far ahead especially of centre forward Donovan who showed little speed in his movements. At the same time, the Australian defence never hesitated to pass back to their 'keeper.

A corner taken by Bajema was passed on by Nicol to Fox who clipped in a short drive but it went wide. With Australia on attack again it was Loughran who missed a grand opportunity when well placed.

Another Combined raid was halted temporarily when Nicol was brought down and they gained a free kick some 20 yards from the Australian goal. However, Donovan's shot was wide.

It was a very different Australian team after the resumption. From the whistle they clicked into a formidable combination and it was not surprising when a movement down the right wing saw Morrow centre and Vella drive the ball high into the net for the first goal of the match.

It was very much Australia now. Territorially they dominated the play. A goal up with three minutes gone, they almost had another when Dempster mis-kicked and Nunn was through only to shoot wide. But Loughran made no mistake in the ninth minute when another movement on the right saw him shoot to beat Neilson all the way.

Pressure was relieved temporarily as Combined worked the ball upfield by a series of free kicks, but the visitors were now too much on top to be kept long out of Nelson's half. With a quick burst they were through for Loughran to tap the ball to Morrow who beat Neilson as he came out to narrow the angle. Australia were three up.

Another Combined breakaway saw Bajema shoot into the goalmouth but Mather headed clear. Then, in a flash, Combined's goal was under fire again and Australia got two quick corners but Neilson proved himself a match for all their wiles. However, Australia continued to press and Loughran headed against the bar, to be followed by Neilson saving well from Nunn.

An example of where following up could have paid Combined dividends came when Firkin dropped the ball in coming out to clear a long shot from Smith. The Nelson inside right had bad luck in the 22nd minute of this half when a stinging shot cracked against the bar with Firkin well beaten.

It was unfortunate for the home team when Nicol went off for attention to a leg injury but he returned after ten minutes to hobble for the remainder of the match. He had just resumed when Newell went down and he was carried off with an injury. But he resumed after five minutes to change positions with Perkins.

In the meantime, Hurd had given away a penalty by stopping with his hand an almost certain goal shot by Morrow. Marston took the kick and Neilson made a beautiful dive to his right to put the ball round the post for a corner. But his fine save was cancelled out when Australia got another penalty in the next minute because a Combined defender had indulged in some illegal pushing when the corner kick was being taken. Placing his kick to Neilson's left Marston beat the 'keeper with a low ground shot.

Four goals ahead, Australia kept on the pressure and Vogler and Loughran put the ball in position for Nunn to score with 15 minutes of play left. The same player just missed with a header eight minutes later. Finally it was Morrow who netted the sixth goal just two minutes before time.

Combined goalkeeper Neilson gave a fine performance and his agility time and again saved his team. Perkins, Newell, Dempster and Fox all worked overtime with credit. Former New Zealand representative Alan Smith was Combined's best forward and it was always he who threatened most danger to Australia's goal. Neither Wellington member of the team impressed and it is probable that local players could have done equally as well, if not better.

Star of Australia's attack was Loughran. He was a constant menace to Combined's defence, and his inside partner, Morrow, was also prominent. Former top class English centre half, Joe Marston had full control and gave nothing away. With Adair and Mather as fullbacks Australia had a solid defence.

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
9th. August 1958,	Carisbrook Park, Dunedin, New Zealand			5000

South Island (New Zealand)..0 v. Australia..3

half time, South Island..0 v. Australia..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	B.Davidson						GK	Jim McCabe				
	RB	G.Cullen						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	A.Young						LB	Harry Murdoch				
	RH	R.Durant						RH	Ron Adair				
	CH	A.Laffey						CH	Joe Marston (c)				
	LH	Patrick McFarlane						LH	Bob Wemyss				
	OR	W.Berry						OR	Bruce Morrow	X, X			
	IR	George McLaren						IR	Frank Loughran				
	CF	Edward "Ted" Charlton						CF	Gordon "Bunny" Nunn				
	IL	George Cuthill						IL	Spencer Kitching				
	OL	Charles Steele						OL	Emmanuel "Lolly" Vella	14			

Team Coach	J.Welsh	Trainer	
Team Manager	A.Stenhouse	Team Manager	Harold Barwick
Referee	E.Mason		
Linesman	S.N.McGregor		
Linesman	A.Williams		

match report from the Otago Daily Times, 11/8/1958

More accurate passing, superior trapping and general control and geater speed to the ball were factors which carried the touring Australian soccer team to victory over South Island by three goals to nil at Carisbrook on Saturday.

The game was played in good conditions before a crowd of 5,000. The ground surface was dry, but extremely rough, and the visitors adapted their play to overcome this obstacle.

The Australians defended well and attacked in depth, the forwards and halves working back on defence and reversing the procedure on attack. This combination was particularly noticeable on attack when all five forwards were up with the play and the wing halves close in support.

In their finishing efforts, however, the Australians did not display the same polish as in their leading-up play, and lost several goals because of this.

The South Island forwards tried to play the long-pass open game, but against a powerful cover defence they were seldom in a position to have the Australian goal within striking distance. The Australian cover defence was dominated by the centre-half, J.Marston.

Sound leading-up play was nullified by faulty in-the-air passing, giving away possession the visitors quickly turning into attack.

E,Charlton made the most of his limited opportunities, but his inside forwards were too shallow to allow them to be used to pass Marston. The ballooning of the ball was overdone, as the visitors were all sound in playing the high ball.

Only in the early stages, when South Island made use of the fast wings, W.Berry and C.Steele, did they bustle the visiting defence, but after this the wings were neglected.

B.Davidson, the young Otago goalkeeper who replaced J.Callaghan, in his first big game gave a sound, confident display. He had no chance with the shots that beat him, but made many fine saves.

A.Young and G.Cullen had good games with the Australian L.Vella proving a handful for Cullen. T.Laffey was the pick of the defence and saved his side repeatedly by sound anticipation. P.McFarlane was the better wing half, but faded slightly in the second spell after his faulty square pass to R.Durant was turned into the third goal by F.Loughran's anticipation.

Durant failed to give his defence adequate support, and with G.McLaren had a poor game. G.Cuthill worked hard, but his height against tall defenders found him at a disadvantage.

Early shots by Berry and Steele with an inch less elevation could have been counters. The Australians' switch of position in an endeavour to find a balanced combination appeared to satisfy the team manager by the final result.

Before the kick off members of both teams were introduced to the Mayor, Sir Leonard Wright, by Mr. M.G.McInnes, president of the New Zealand Football Association.

Referee: Mr. E.Mason. Linesmen: Messrs S.N.McGregor and A.Williams.

The teams were:-

AUSTRALIA - J.McCabe, K.O'Neill, H.Murdoch, R.Adair, J.Marston, R.Wemyss, B.Morrow, F.Loughran, G.Nunn, S.Kitching, L.Vella.

SOUTH ISLAND - B.Davidson, G.Cullen, A.Young, R.Durant, T.Laffey, P.McFarlane, W.Berry, G.McLaren, E.Charlton, G.Cuthill and C.Steele.

The Australians kicked off against the sun and a stiff breeze and advanced on the right. Young cleared to McFarlane, who sent through for Steele to hit the corner of the upright and crossbar, Adair giving away a corner.

Steele placed beautifully, but the tall Australian defenders headed clear. For the next 15 minutes of play of both teams reached its highest peak, the ball moving from end to end with swift precision and accurate passing. Both goalkeepers dealt safely with anything that reached them.

The visitors were gradually finding a combination through to the extreme change of positions. Loughran and Morrow on the right were keeping McFarlane and Young busy, with Vella on the left dangerous from Morrow's crosses across the goalmouth.

A swinging right-to-left movement by South Island ended with McCabe saving a strong left foot drive from Berry. Later McCabe saved brilliantly from Steele, and Charlton's return shot was headed clear by Marston.

Loughran and Morrow exchanged positions and from a long, high, dangerous lob Davidson timed his jump nicely to clear. Away went the home team and Charlton eluded Marston only to see his fine shot saved by McCabe.

The best movement so far by the Australians came with every forward taking part. Nunn's final effort went past the goal.

Morrow and Loughran again demonstrated their ability. The former cut inside, sent back out to Loughran and the latter's accurate centring kick found Vella in front to shoot high into the roof of the net in the fourteenth minute.

At this stage the game was fast and open, both middle lines doing good work. South were keeping the ball on the wings and Berry again went close to scoring from a cross from Steele.

At the other end Morrow sent the ball over the bar. Wemyss, a brilliant fast attacking wing-half, sent his forwards away, received a return pass and from well out tested Davidson.

Morrow from the extreme right sent goalwards, the ball beat the defenders, but struck the far upright and rebounded into play. Laffey cleared to Cuthill to McLaren who burst through to send the ball into the net for South but was ruled offside.

Just before halftime Young saved a certain goal when he headed clear from under the bar.

The halftime score was : Australia 1, South Island nil.

On the resumption, the play of South Island deteriorated, possession being lost repeatedly and players cutting out wing play, sending goalwards in the air to Charlton. This greatly assisted Marston, Murdoch, and O'Neill in their clearances.

The first excitement came from a great shot by Wemyss. The South defence was at this stage, working at top pressure, and Young was unlucky when his boot touched a hard drive from Morrow.

The deflections of the ball beat Davidson and went into the net.

Australia 2, South Island nil.

Steele and Berry exchanged places without advantage to the attack. A smart header from Nunn was well saved by Davidson.

McFarlane moved up and turned inwards, but his square pass was intercepted by Loughran, who sent Morrow through to score with a flick shot to the left after drawing Davidson to the right.

Later goaling attempts by four Australians from easy positions were missed. In the final stages South Island fought back to within striking distance, and at the final whistle, the ball from a well directed corner kick by Berry was still in the air.

Australia 3, South Island nil.

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
12th. August 1958,	Caledonian Grounds, Timaru, New Zealand			

South Canterbury Combined (New Zealand)..0 v. Australia..10

half time, South Canterbury Combined..0 v. Australia..5

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	L.Johnson						GK	William "Wally" Firkins				
	RB	G.Cullen						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	W.Nyholt						LB	Jack Mather				
	RH	K.Foxcroft (c)						RH	Ron Adair				
	CH	J.Smithey						CH	Joe Marston (c)				
	LH	S.Newman						LH	Robert "Bob" Wemyss				
	OR	E.Husband						OR	Bruce Morrow	X			
	IR	N.Keeman						IR	Spencer Kitching	X			
	CF	R.Townend						CF	Gordon "Bunny" Nunn	10, X, X, X			
	IL	George Cuthill						IL	Frank Loughran	X			
	OL	W.Berry						OL	Brian Vogler	X, X, X			
Team Coach							Trainer						
							Team Manager		Harold Barwick				
Referee		A.Williams											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Timaru Herald, 13/8/1958

The Australian soccer team had a convincing 10-nil win over a South Canterbury combined team on a fast turf at the Caledonian Grounds yesterday before a moderate attendance.

Individually, the home team was little inferior to the visitors, but lacked their superior combination. When speed was needed to turn opportunities to advantage, the South Canterbury forwards too often allowed the defence to recover. On the other hand, the Australians kept the ball moving goalwards for fast-shooting forwards. When in an attacking position, the home players had to lift their eyes before passing the ball while the Australians snapped the ball to where a man should be. There was seldom one missing.

The visitors had a close-knit rearguard with a complete understanding between the fullbacks and the goalkeeper. At times they played seven forwards with the centrehalf forming the apex of a triangular defence.

In the first half the South Canterbury team persisted in attacking down the centre, while the Australians opened the defence with wing play. The game was only 15 minutes old when the visitors had three goals to their credit. In the second half the South Canterbury team made better use of their opportunities and varied their attack so as to keep the defence guessing. There were at least four scoring chances, but the speedy recovery of the visitors held their goal intact.

The game was 10 minutes in progress when Australia attacked down the left wing to give the centre-forward, Nunn, the opening goal with a fast, low shot. The outside-right, Morrow, was next to score after neat mid-field play by Marston and Adair. With the wings opening the defence, Nunn was given two chances in quick succession and succeeded with both. Kitching, at inside-right, added the fifth goal with a fast angled shot to make the halftime score Australia 5, South Canterbury nil.

The five goals in the second half included two penalties. B.Volger, at outside-left, found the net three times, Loughran and Morrow completing the total with well placed shots.

For South Canterbury G.Cuthill at inside-left and N.Keeman at inside-right were outstanding in the forwards, while K.Foxcroft at right-half and S.Newman at left-half got through much useful work. The defence of G.Cullen, W.Nyholt and the goalkeeper L.Johnson, was worthy of praise.

Australia was best served by R.Wemyss at left-half, J.Marston at centre-half and F.Loughran at inside-left.

The teams were:-

Australia :- B.Vogler, F.Loughran, G.Nunn, S.kitching, B.Morrow; R.Wemyss, J.Marston (captain), R.Adair; J.Mather, K.O'Neill, W.Firkins.

South Canterbury combined:- E.Husband, N.Keeman, R.Townend, G.Cuthill, W.Berry; K.Foxcroft (captain), J.Smithey, S.Newman; G.Cullen, W.Nyholt; L.Johnson.

The referee was Mr.A.Williams (Otago).

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
13th. August 1958,	English Park, Christchurch, New Zealand			

Canterbury Province (New Zealand)..0 v. Australia..8

half time, Canterbury Province..0 v. Australia..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
						START LIST							
	GK	G.Richards						GK	Jim McCabe				
	RB	A.Juner						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	W.Charlton						LB	Harry Murdoch				
	RH	R.Durant						RH	Norman Rule				
	CH	A.Laffey						CH	Joe Marston (c)	28, X(pk)			
	LH	W.Rodger						LH	Robert "Bob" Wemyss				
	OR	Charles Steel						OR	Bruce Morrow	X			
	IR	M.Keenan				45		IR	Ron Adair				
	CF	Edward "Ted" Charlton						CF	Gordon "Bunny" Nunn	X, X, X			
	IL	George McLaren						IL	Emmanuel "Lolly" Vella				
	OL	D.Worthington						OL	Brian Vogler	64, X			
						SUBSTITUTES							
		Rennell				45							

Team Coach		Trainer	
		Team Manager	Harold Barwick
Referee	I.Bilcliff		
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from The Press, 14/8/1958

Considered by many to be the best touring team seen in Christchurch for many seasons, Australia beat Canterbury by 8 goals to 0 at English Park yesterday.

Tigerish defence by the Canterbury backs and halves, and brilliant goal-keeping by the young G.Richards held the score to 2-0 at half-time. Australia, with its superior positioning and accurate passing, took control in the second half and added six goals.

The day was perfect for good football, with little wind, a cloudless sky and the ground in perfect order. A big crowd enjoyed the game.

It was evident too, that the Australians appreciated the conditions which were much better suited to their style of football than those encountered earlier in the tour.

The torists are playing much better football than they did in the earlier games. The standard was better than in the game against the South Island last Saturday.

Teams were:-

Australia. - J.McCabe; K.O'Neill, H.Murdoch; H.Rule, J.Marston, R.Wemyss; B.Morrow, R.Adair, G.Nunn, L.Vella, B.Vogler.

Canterbury. _ G.Richards; A.Juner, W.Charlton; R.Durant, A.Laffey, W.Rodger; C.Steel, M.Keenan. E.Charlton, G.McLaren, D.Worthington.

There was a vast difference in the finish of the two teams. A feature of the Australians' game was their ability to find their man with passes. This was not so much the result of accurate passing as the ability of the players to place themselves in position to receive a pass. Instead of waiting for a long pass, they moved back towards the ball and thus reduced the length of the pass necessary and reduced the possibility of interception.

By contrast, the Canterbury men failed to position themselves to advantage, so that the ball had to travel close to the Australian defender who as often as not won possession.

The continual changing of position by the Australian forwards - wings, inside forwards and centre-forward moved about the field in any of the forward positions - had an unsettling effect on the Canterbury defence.

Richards, the Canterbury goalkeeper substituting for Calligan, acquitted himself well, especially in the first half. His lack of experience and reluctance to leave his goal to take a cross a few yards in front of goal resulted ingoals being scored against him and he appeared to lose confidence as the game progressed. Both full-backs, Juner and W.Charlton defended well, Juner having a particularly good first half. Charlton is improving with every game and is showing outstanding ability.

Laffey had a hard day at centre-half. The fast-moving Australian forwards gave him plenty of work, but he came through well. Although the wing halves did not give their forwards the necessary support, both Durant and Rodger were strong on cover defence.

Steel, on the right wing, was the only forward who gave the Australian defence much trouble. His speed and drive carried him towards goal several times, and it was a pity he did not see more of the ball. Similarly, Worthington, on the other wing, had few opportunities. Given accurate passes, Worthington can play good football, but he had no chance with the majority of passes sent to him. McLaren was a match for the visitors with his ball control, but the forward line did not team up well and he accomplished little. Keenan, from South Canterbury, was right in the game until he was injured and was replaced by Rennall at half-time. Little was seen of Rennell, and E.Charlton was almost cancelled out as a centre-forward by the Australian centre-half, Marston.

Of the Australians, mention could be made of the effective work of Marston, and the excellent positioning of the goalkeeper, McCabe. Otherwise, it is sufficient to say that they all played outstanding football and worked together as a team, giving nothing away. They were quick to the ball, passed accurately and showed wonderful control.

Australia had the better of the opening exchanges, and a likely shot by Nunn was well handled by Richards. Canterbury swept up field and Keenan centred for E.Charlton and McLaren to send in hard shots, but on each occasion the ball was blocked by the grouped Australian defence. The ball came back to Rodger, who sent it high over the bar with a long drive.

Australia drove Canterbury back and forced three corners in succession, but the defence held, and then Vella and Nunn both tried for goal, but their shots went wide. A long ball resulted in a chase between Steel and Mather, the full-back getting to it first and back-passing to McCabe. Still attacking, Canterbury pressed round the goal as Worthington centred, but Marston cleared for Australia.

With 22 minutes played, Morrow centred for Nunn to head towards goal, but once again Richards was safe. Again Richards saved when Vogler shot while travelling at full pace, the goalkeeper turning the ball outside the post.

The first goal came after 28 minutes. Marston landed a free kick in the goal-mouth, and Richards could not hold it. Australia attacked down the left, and Vogler's centre was headed towards goal, but Richards held the ball easily. A few seconds later, Vogler sent in a shot that was much more difficult, and Richards did well to save. The second goal came just before half-time. Nunn travelled downfield in the left wing position, boring in and beating the defence to score from close range.

Early in the second half, Worthington, E.Charlton, and McLaren combined well, and McLaren's strong shot missed by inches. Australia took up the attack again and Nunn broke through, Richards rushing out to kick clear. Receiving the ball from Wemyss, Vogler moved down the line, beat his marker, and crossed the ball in front of goal. Morrow ran in, to give Richards no chance.

In two Canterbury attacks, E.Charlton was held up by Marston, and Steel sent in a strong shot that cleared the bar narrowly. Juner, Durant, and Steel made ground down the right, but there was no Canterbury player to receive Steel's cross.

After McCabe had saved a surprise shot from E.Charlton, Vogler scored Australia's fourth goal after 19 minutes, in the second half, and added another goal minutes later, when Richards failed to clear after stopping a hard shot from Adair.

Australia was now in complete control, and the sixth goal came shortly after. The right wing, Morrow, in-passed to Adair, who centred for Vogler to head down, allowing Nunn to shoot past Richards. The Canterbury goalkeeper made a splendid save from a header by Nunn, but had no chance with a penalty kick taken by Marston. Vogler and Nunn finished off another Australian attack for Nunn to head the eighth goal.

Shortly before the final whistle, Canterbury staged a last effort and nearly goaled wnen McCabe missed a ball, but he beat E.Charlton to the ball with a dive.

The referee was Mr.I.Bilcliff

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
16th. August 1958,	Basin Reserve, Wellington, New Zealand			7000

New Zealand..2 v. Australia..3

half time, New Zealand..1 v. Australia..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Kenneth Hough (Auckland)						GK	Jim McCabe				
	RB	Douglas Lapwood (Poverty Bay)						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	John "Jock" Aird (Poverty Bay)	30(pk)					LB	Harry Murdoch				
	RH	Kenneth Armstrong (c) (Poverty Bay)						RH	Ron Adair	65			
	CH	Theo van den Broek (Auckland)						CH	Joe Marston (c)				
	LH	Patrick McFarlane (Canterbury)						LH	Robert "Bob" Wemyss				
	OR	Thomas McCabe (Wellington)						OR	Bruce Morrow				
	IR	Rodney Reid (Wellington)						IR	Frank Loughran				
	CF	William Hume (Waikato)	X					CF	Gordon "Bunny" Nunn	11, 44			
	IL	George Cuthill (Otago)						IL	Emmanuel "Lolly" Vella				
	OL	Charles Steele Jr. (North Canterbury)						OL	Brian Vogler				

Team Coach		Trainer	
		Team Manager	Harold Barwick
Referee	M.Swain		
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from The Press, 18/8/1958

Poor wing play, which resulted in bad combination in the forwards, cost New Zealand the first soccer test against Australia at the Basin Reserve on Saturday. At times, the New Zealand defence was slow to cover after moving up to supplement gaps in the forwards.

It was New Zealand's eighth successive test loss to Australia in New Zealand.

Australia, match hardened after the southern tour, developed a sound combination, was quicker to the ball and kept passes to the ground in the gusty wind. New Zealand was flattered with the final score of 3-2. Australia led 2-1 at half-time.

The teams were:-

New Zealand. - K.Hough (Auckland); D.Lapwood (Poverty Bay), J.Aird (Poverty Bay); K.Armstrong (Poverty Bay, captain), T.van der Brock (Auckland), P.McFarlane (Canterbury); T.McCabe (Wellington), R.Reid (Wellington), W.Hume (Waikato), G.Cuthill (Otago), C.Steele (North Canterbury).

Australia. - J.McCabe; K.O'Neill, H.Murdoch; R.Adair, J.Marston, R.Wemyss; B.Morrow, F.Loughran, G.Nunn, L.Vella, B.Vogler.

The New Zealand right half and captain, K.Armstrong, gave a dazzling display and made magnificent efforts to hold his unbalanced side together. Armstrong defied his sternest critics, including the national selectors, with fine tactical sense and passing unequalled at the Basin Reserve this season. He played up to his reputation.

Without a doubt, it was the Eastern Union, Gisborne, trio of Armstrong, Aird and the right back, D.J.Lapwood, who kept down the score. Aird repeatedly made recoveries for the out-of-form left half P.McFarlane, and he and Lapwood appeared to be the only New Zealanders to hand back hard play to the Australians.

Surprisingly, New Zealand's only true goal was scored after a left flank movement. Aird started the attack, McFarlane pushed the ball to McCabe, who sent a low centre. The centre-forward, Hume, gathered it up and shot a beautiful angle shot into the net.

The acrobatic antics and sure handling of the Australian goalkeeper, J.McCabe, drew gasps of admiration from the crowd of about 6000. McCabe's positional play was sound and he showed determination in grasping loose balls.

The Australian half line, guided cooly by the centre and captain, Marston, pounced on the New Zealand inside forwards' erractic passing.

R.Adair was always well on the spot while R.S.Wemyss proved a trifle hardy for Reid, New Zealand's inside right.

The Australian left back, Murdoch, kept neat control and coupled well with his partner, O'Neill, and the halves with some fast cover defence.

Apart from Armstrong, the New Zealand half line lacked punch - except in infrequent spasms. The centre half, van der Brock, nursing an injured ankle, was seldom prominent after the first spell. He was surprisingly weak with his boot, and showed the urgency for a two-footed centre-half.

The tourists' forward line was a compact combat unit in which Loughran and the veteran centre forward, Nunn, were remarkably fast to gather opportunities. The outside right, Morrow, sent in some envious ground centres.

Australia scored after 11 minutes, when Morrow pushed through a low centre kick for Nunn to break through a badly-arranged New Zealand defence.
After 33 minutes, an Australian defender handled in the area. Aird kicked a copy book penalty.
A minute before half-time, Nunn gathered a centre kick from the Australian left wing, Vogler, and shot through a throng of New Zealand defenders.
In the twentieth minute of the second spell, a corner kick from Morrow fell into a packed New Zealand goal mouth, when the Australian right-half, Adair, stormed through to put his side to 3-1.
Hume scored for New Zealand shortly afterwards.

match report from the Evening Post, 18/8/1958
Australia had the lion's share of play when they beat New Zealand by three goals to two in the first Soccer Test at the Basin Reserve on Saturday.
But a reasonable assessment of the game, taking all things into consideration, reveals the beginning of a new era in Soccer in this country.
As has been reported, Australian tours going back into sporting history were usually a procession of devastating victories in Test matches. Saturday's game heralded a refreshing breeze of improvement and greater skill and ability on a national scale.
Recall, for instance, the endeavour shown by New Zealand in the first half. Granted they had the assistance of the southerly breeze, but the advantage here was counteracted by the brilliant form of J.McCabe, the Australian goalkeeper.
New Zealand had the right idea. They slung off at goal at every available opportunity, mostly with agonising results. Either McCabe was almost superhumanly appearing from nowhere to save the day, or the ball was striking the posts or just shaving outside.
Most prominent of the triers in this period was the New Zealand captain, K.Armstrong, who packed plenty of sting into his efforts. It could have been worse had he tried to work the ball nearer to the goal before shooting. His optimism was commendable, but had the situation permitted him to have been 20 yards instead of 30 yards out, New Zealand would have been equal, if not leading at half-time.
For the first 45 minutes of the game, honours were about even on play. It was after the resumption, for about the first two-thirds of the period that New Zealand went off the rails.
It was now their turn to face the wind and they had the added disadvantage of playing into a bright sun sinking low in the sky. But apart from the elements, their big weakness was glaringly apparent. They just could not function together in attack. In fact it reached such a pitch that the crowd groaned in anguish at seeing the ball being cracked hard upfield and out of play, yards ahead of the man it was intended for.
It was in this half that Australia showed New Zealand wherein lay their other missing link. The visiting backs, halves and forwards never forgot that they were all members of the same team and shared the ball accordingly.
As against this obvious approach, New Zealand were giving the impression that they were separate entities. One department just didn't seem inclined to - or couldn't - pave the way for another to tread it.
This was the rock on which they had perished. Had there been better understanding between the lines and had more care been taken in the distribution of the ball, this report might very well have been singing greater praises.
But one note of encouragement still rings out - more than 90 per cent., of New Zealand's mistakes were made in the first 25 minutes of the second half. When Hume turned on a scintillating solo of Soccer sorcery to belittle the Australian captain and centre half, J.Marston, and score the best goal of the game, they played like men possessed and gave the visitors many anxious moments during the wave after wave of torrid onslaughts.
The crowd was caught up in the tense excitement and screeched at the tactics being used by the Australian defence, who were booting out of play time and again. But it's all in the game and it must be remembered that this is the prerogative of either team.
New Zealand were still slugging a front line battle when the final whistle went and for the latter part of the second half, they had again turned on their first half effort to show the Australians that from now on Soccer Tests will be no walk-over.
For the home team, K.Hough in goal repeated his man-mountain performances which have made him popular. He was in no way totally responsible for any of the three goals and if he was outshone by his counterpart it was because the latter had the best in him brought out more often.
The backs D.Lapwood and J.Aird, on this performance, played themselves into the second Test. Both had their hands full looking after the speedy wings, R.Morrow and the tricky B.Vogler and they acquitted themselves well, with no attempts at fooling or frills.
Armstrong (right half) again showed the selectors that it is brazen to overlook him when choosing the country's representative team. His passes in particular were beautifully accurate and he coaxed and spoon-fed the forwards like a doting mother. Some seem to have short memories about Armstrong and his achievements. Certainly it is present form that counts and he has reached the zenith of his career. But, apart from the fact that he is not quite as fast as he used to be, this season has shown nothing of a deterioration to warrant his exclusion.
Cente half T. van der Broek had a hectic day attending to the bewilderingly fast combination of F.Loughran, G.Nunn and F.Vella, and P.McFarlane at left half helped him considerably.
Best all-rounder in the forward line was the inside left G.Cuthill (Otago), who prsctically played himself into the ground during his untiring display. Hume and R.Reid had their moments but generally did not come up to expectations.
But the biggest disappointment in the New Zealand team was the form shoen by the two wingers C.Steele and T.McCabe. They were receiving no great encouragement but they didn't seem to hit the note expected from them. McCabe's corner kicks were not even up to their well-known mark but, of course the wind was not helping him any.
It's difficult to individualise among the Australians, as no-one disappointed. Inside right Loughran has Soccer in every sinew and although pint-sized, he is as quick as a flash and always dangerous.

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
19th. August 1958,	Pukekura Park, New Plymouth, New Zealand			7000

Taranaki Combined XI (New Zealand)..1 v. Australia..8

half time, Taranaki Combined XI..1 v. Australia 6

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	B.Vennik						GK	William "Wally" Firkins				
	RB	J.Half						RB	Harry Murdoch				
	LB	W.Pye						LB	Kevin O'Neill				
	RH	D.Evans						RH	Robert "Bob" Wemyss				
	CH	I.McMillan	X(og)					CH	Jack Mather				
	LH	J.Hurn						LH	Norman Rule				
	OR	G.Nicholson						OR	Emmanuel "Lolly" Vella				
	IR	W.Beech						IR	Spencer Kitching	44			
	CF	R.Griffin	13					CF	Gordon "Bunny" Nunn	49			
	IL	G.Bellchambers						IL	Frank Loughran	X, X(pk), 43			
	OL	E.Meuli						OL	Bruce Morrow	X, 88			
Team Coach							Trainer						
							Team Manager		Harold Barwick				
Referee		A.V.Cooper											
Linesman													
Linesman													

The Taranaki Combined XI is also shown as a Combined Taranaki-Wanganui-Manawatu XI.

match report from the Taranaki Daily News, 20/8/1958

Defeat at the hands of Australian teams at New Plymouth is becoming a habit. On Saturday it was the Wallabies Rugby team; yesterday it was the turn of the Australian soccer team. Much too fast and with infinitely better positional play and understanding, it defeated a Taranaki-Wanganui-Manawatu eleven by eight goals to one at Pukekura Park, New Plymouth.

A crowd of about 1500 saw Combined draw first blood in the 13th minute and then have six goals scored against it by halftime. Although Combined offered appreciably sterner opposition in the second half it rarely looked like making much impression on the ebullient Australians.

Much too mobile for Combined often switching positions, Australia saw a lot of possession and usually kept it. Combined, on the other hand, enjoyed scarcely more than half-possession. All too often its players would be robbed of the ball or else they would present it to the Australians with a poorly directed pass.

Good positional play and accurate, crisp passing by Australia had Combined in all sorts of trouble. The Combined players were much too slow into position on throw-outs, in marked contrast to the Australians. The latter, frequently unmarked, had time to spare to shape their play.

The emphasis by Australia was on attack. It thought nothing of turning from defence to attack, even from its own goalmouth. Neither did it hesitate to use short corner kicks instead of the customary balooning of the ball into the middle.

The big difference between the teams was the fullbacks. The Combined pair, J.Half and W.Pye, were stoppers and they were not always constructive. On the other hand H.Murdoch and K.O'Neill played some most constructive football. Murdoch, particularly fast for a fullback, several times outpaced Combined's forwards as was very good with his head.

Pye and Half had a mixed sort of game. Both were rather slow-moving but for all that Half was a valuable defender. Pye was the faster of the two but he did not show up a great deal.

The favourite with the crowd was the diminutive Australian inside-right F.Loughran. The smallest man on the field he was also the most notable. He was everywhere.

R.Wemyss, the Australian left-half, no more than 28 years of age despite his lack of hair, had a good game on attack and on defence. Outside-right, B.Morrow, was another who turned in a good performance. He used his very considerable pace to telling effect on several occasions.

G.Nunn, the centre-forward, was not remarkably prominent. He is a player with a well-founded reputation. Perhaps too much was expected of him. What he did he did well.

W.Firkins, the goal-keeper, did not have a very worrying day. He showed that he is very safe and got his hands cleanly to every ball that came to him. Some of his takes in the midst of a cluster of Taranaki players was grand.

Of the Combined team, B.Vennik, in goal, particularly in the second half, fully merited the applause that was directed at him. Two or three times he saved what looked like certain goals. On one notable occasion the Australians themselves joined in the ovation accorded Vennik for his work.

In the half-line I.McMillan was not so much in the picture as usual. He was not the dominating figure that he can be. The outside half-backs, D.Evans and J.Hurn, especially the latter, went particularly well. Shortly before the end of the match, Hurn with Vennik lured out into the open, was alone in the goalmouth and saved a certain goal with masterly anticipation and timing.

Of the forwards, E.Meuli, outside left, and G.Bellchambers, inside-left, were about the pick. Both displayed good footwork. R.Griffin had few opportunities at centre-forward, chiefly because of the quickness of the Australian defence and the sound backing-up employed by Australia. Often, when Combined was on attack, Loughran was back like a flash to aid the defence.
G.Nicholson did not have a very happy day. He was out-paced and out-manoeuvred by the Australian left back, Murdoch.
Apart from the last 10 minutes when rain began to drive the crowd to more sheltered positions, the game was played in overcast but dry conditions.
The teams were:-
Australia: W.Firkins; H.Murdoch, K.O'Neill; R.Wemyss, J.Mather, N.Rule; L.Vella, S.Kitching, G.Nunn, F.loughran, B.Morrow.
Combined: B.Vennik; J.half, W.Pye; D.Evans, I.McMillan, J.Hurn; G.Nicholson, W.Beech, R.Griffin, G.Bellchambers, E.Meuli.
Australia was slow to settle down and for the first 10 minutes or so play was indecisive. Let even then it was obvious that the Taranaki halves would have to improve their service with the ball to their forwards if anything was to be achieved.
Vennik made one good save and then another in quick succession as Australia nearly capitalised on a corner taken by Morrow.
But it was Combined that was first to goal. Its forwards burst through and from the melee in the goalmouth first Beech and the Griffin attempted to drive the ball into the net. Griffin succeeded.
Australia hit back immediately. Accurate passing led up to the ball going to Loughran and he gave Vennik no chance. Two minutes later Wemyss put a high one up and McMillan, trying to clear, deflected the ball into his own goal.
Australia stayed on attack and Morrow missed a great chance when he had Vennik beaten and the goal at his mercy. He shot - and missed. However, three minutes later he made no mistake when he was offered another chance, again after Vennik had been drawn out.
McMillan was penalised for hands inside the penalty box and Loughran beat Vennik all the way with a shot that whistled along the ground. Just for good measure he added another goal when Vella centred the ball beautifully to him two minutes before half-time.
But still Australia was not finished. Another well-placed centre from Vella yielded another goal, this time to Kitching.
Four minutes into the second half and Australia had goaled yet again. And it was Vella who placed the ball expertly in the centre for Nunn to finish the job.
Moving much more freely and with more assurance, Combined took a turn on attack and raised the hopes of its supporters when Nicholson shaped to goal. But the defence was too strong and back went Australia for Wemyss to skim the ball off the top of the Combined goal. It was a narrow shave.
Even closer was the bid averted by Hurn. It looked as though any one of two or three Australians could goal yet somehow Hurn got his knees in the way and Combined scrambled out of trouble.
Finally, two minutes before the final whistle, Morrow was perfectly placed and had little trouble in scoring Australia's eighth goal.
The referee was Mr. A.V.Cooper.

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
21st. August 1958,	Seddon Park, Hamilton, New Zealand			1500

Waikato (New Zealand)..2 v. Australia..5

half time, Waikato..1 v. Australia..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	M.Saunders						GK	Jim McCabe				
	RB	P.Moir						RB	Kevin O'Neill	X			
	LB	F.Poelman						LB	Harry Murdoch				
	RH	D.Emmott						RH	Ron Adair				
	CH	T.Henderson						CH	Joe Marston (c)				
	LH	R.McLean						LH	Norman Rule				
	OR	T.Hobbs						OR	Bruce Morrow	X			
	IR	J.Wrathall						IR	Emmanuel "Lolly" Vella				
	CF	W.Hume	X					CF	Gordon "Bunny" Nunn	30			X
	IL	A.Leong (c)						IL	Frank Loughran				
	OL	J.Raart	X					OL	Brian Vogler				
		SUBSTITUTES											
									Robert "Bob" Wemyss				X, 45
									Spencer Kitching	X, X			45

Team Coach		Trainer	
		Team Manager	Harold Barwick
Referee	W.Austin		
Linesman	B.Robertson		
Linesman	E.S.Davies		

match report from the Waikato Times, 22/8/1958

Australia defeated the Waikato soccer team 5-2 at Seddon Park yesterday. But for poor Australian shooting the score would have been higher.

The australian soccer was a combination of fast direct play and short and intelligent passing. They moved the ball faster than last year's Hongkong team because they seldom stopped it, but they played more to the man than the Austrians did. It was conventional soccer played extremely well everywhere but in front of goal.

Australia scored first after nearly 30 minutes play but a goal from J.Raart on the left wing brought the score level at 1-1 at half-time.

The Australian superiority was more marked in the second half until nearly the end when Waikato began to move the ball with something approaching the speed of the visitors. For a few furious minutes Australia was up against it and out of the scramble Waikato was awarded a free kick and W.Hume, centre-forward, put it in the nets.

Waikato did not play well, certainly not as well as it did against Hongkong. To score its four goals Hongkong had to earn them whereas the Australians yesterday threw away goal after goal with weak shooting.

In the Waikato nets M.Saunders, in spite of being knocked out in the first half, played an exceptionally fine game. He might have stopped one goal by coming out but he stopped so many others so well that he could be forgiven an error or two. It was Saunders at his very capable best.

P.Moir and F.Poelman worked hard all day, as did T.Henderson, at centre-half, but the defence was not very sound. The task of all three was difficult because the Australians did not often hold the ball and if the defenders went in the pass to the next man was made before they blocked.

Too often the Australian forwards were allowed in too close and if their snap shooting had been anything like accurate the score would have been formidable.

Slightly more than midway through the second spell captain A.Leong went back to centre-half. The Australians did not get so close so frequently but it was too late to be decisive.

By the time the second spell came F.Poelman was played out. In the first half he covered well but he had too much to do.

Wing halves D.Emmott and R.McLean added strength to the defence on many occasions but the service to the forwards suffered. On the wholw Waikato team played as two units - defence and attack - and neither was a particularly happy unit.

Best of the forwards was Raart. Wrathall, the Auckland guest player, was dangerous once or twice in the early part of the game but he was not often in the game and was not often brought into it.

Too many passes came straight into the centre to Hume, who appeared for nearly all the game as if he wished he were somewhere else but on a soccer field. Trying to play a sound attacking game of football against the Australian captain and centre-half J.Marston, would give most players a complex about their football limitations.

The impression should not be left that it was all one-sided. It was not. It was merely disappointing because Waikato is strong enough to have done better.

None of the Australians was a great ball player but their control was sound and their positional sense good. These facts, combined with their natural speed, made them difficult to handle.

The midget J.McCabe in goal is a keeper of the continental type, quick and clever, working his backs and usually prepared to take the initiative.

K.O'Neill was perhaps the better of the backs but the pivot on which the defence swung was Marston and his speed on clearance made him a constant threat.

The personalities of the Australian side were the Maltese L.Vella and the tiny Irishman, F.Loughran, the insides, although Vella later went to wing when G.Nunn, centre-forward, left the field injured.
They were all ball players. Loughran dribbled nearly 35 yards on one occasion and he wandered off at awkward tangents, bobbing up here and there at precisely the moment one hoped he had got himself lost.
He marred some fine football with some abject shooting. For these errors he was obviously ashamed.
As seems characteristic of the Australians, they started badly and Waikato was on attack. In the first few minutes right wing T.Hobbs only just failed to get properly over the ball and his shot was stopped.
The first of many badly directed Australian shots came a few minutes later from right wing B.Morrow. Nunn, not satisfied with this indifferent attack, made a break of his own. Saunders came out to bustle and Nunn was forced to shoot before he was ready. Poelman, standing on the goal line, banged it away.
Wrathall took a couple of quick shots. Both missed but there was something heartening about this willingness to have a try.
Hume loped casually on to the stage took a long pass from Poelman, turned it and shot from about 35 yards. McCabe stopped it in the air.
Not long afterwards Saunders turned away a powerful shot. It rebounded and Nunn shot again as Saunders fell. The ball whipped straight into the keeper's face and he lay prone and obviously unconscious. It was some time before he took any interest in events but he rose bemusedly to his feet, shook his head and was ready to continue.
Centre-forward Nunn opened the scoring. McLean was beaten for possession in a tussle. Henderson was beaten, Poelman stormed across the goal-mouth but the shot from close in was already on its way.
It had taken half an-hour for Australia to score, thanks to the habit of their forwards playing themselves offside, some indifferent shooting on occasions and some fine keeping from Saunders on other occasions.
Not long afterwards Nunn, again preparing to shoot, collided with Poelman, hobbled painfully into the nets and sat down. He went off and stayed off, being replaced until half-time by R.Wemyss, who played in the half-line with a rearrangement among the forwards.
Waikato's goal came not long before half-time. Emmott sent a long pass through to Hobbs, who lofted into the centre. Hume missed it and fell off the left of the posts. Raart, racing on to the ball, sent it whipping along the ground and little McCabe could do nothing but stretch his inconsiderable length on the ground.
By half-time Wemyss had apparently had enough football for one day and S.Kitching came on as inside forward, Vella going to the left wing and Irishman Loughran switching to inside right.
Kitching, fresh and keen, scored a goal a few minutes after the start. Marston started the movement with a well-directed first-time clearance.
Saunders stopped two hard shots, one from Loughran, the other from Vella but Loughran had another try. Saunders put it over the bar and this time the little Irishman was moved to continue running in to shake the kepper's hand. It was, indeed, a fine save.
Just to prove that he was not becoming too friendly, Loughran turned up right on the line and turned the ball across the face of the goal. It may have been Kitching who nodded it in with his head, it may have been N.Rule, the half.
Australia led 3-1 and Waikato was unhappily disorganised. Morrow made a complete break and again was allowed to come right in with the ball. He shot along the ground and the score had widened to 4-1.
Leong went back to centre-half and Henderson changed to right wing, Hobbs moving to inside left.
Not long afterwards fortunes swung belatedly in Waikato's favour and a series of attacks kept the Australians crowded in their goal area. A free kick was awarded for shepherding and about six Australians lined up shoulder to shoulder facing Hume as he moved into it, a brave but indiscreet manoeuvre to prevent a goal. They Failed. Hume put it straight through a gap which a few seconds before did not appear to exist and McCabe was lying unhappily across the goal-mouth. It was 4-2.
In the dying minutes of the game Waikato was a revitalised team. The ball moved swiftly from one man to the next, Australian attacks were broken up without apology and there was excitement in the game.
But time was running out and before it did O'Neill, the right back for Australia, added an unkindly blow to Waikato's already slender fortunes by scoring a fifth goal. It was all over.
Referee was Mr. W.Austin (Auckland), and linesmen, Messrs. B.Robertson and E.S.Davies, of Hamilton.
Teams were:-
Australia: McCabe; O'Neill, Murdoch; Adair, Marston, Rule; Morrow, Vella, Nunn, Loughran, Vogler.
Waikato: Saunders; Moir, Poelman; Emmott, Henderson, McLean; Hobbs, Wrathall, Hume, Leong, Raart.

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
23rd. August 1958,	Carlaw Park, Auckland, New Zealand	Muddy and rain		8500

New Zealand..2 v. Australia..2

half time, New Zealand..1 v. Australia..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Kenneth Hough						GK	Jim McCabe				
	RB	Douglas Lapwood						RB	Kevin O'Neill				
	LB	John "Jock" Aird	41(og)					LB	Harry Murdoch				
	RH	Kenneth Armstrong (c)						RH	Norman Rule				
	CH	Theo van der Broek						CH	Joe Marston (c)				
	LH	Patrick McFarlane						LH	Robert "Bob" Wemyss				
	OR	Thomas McCabe						OR	Bruce Morrow				
	IR	George McLaren						IR	Frank Loughran				
	CF	William Hume						CF	Gordon "Bunny" Nunn				
	IL	Ron Kearns						IL	Emmanuel "Lolly" Vella				
	OL	Charles Steele Jr.	11, 46					OL	Brian Vogler	51			

Team Coach		Trainer	
		Team Manager	Harold Barwick
Referee	R.Lund		
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from The Press, 25/8/1958

New Zealand and Australia played to an exciting 2-2 draw in the second soccer test on water-logged ground at Carlaw Park, Auckland, yesterday. Australia, having won the first test, thus won the rubber.

New Zealand controlled the ball better than Australia and held the initiative throughout. Because of the state of the ground the fast-moving and quick-passing Australians found that they could not make the ball run, nor could they get into position quickly for a pass.

The teams were:-

New Zealand: K.Hough; D.Lapwood, J.Aird; K.Armstrong, T. Van der Broek, P.McFarlane; T.McCabe, G.McLaren, W.Hume, R.Kearns, C.Steele.

Australia: J.McCabe; K.O'Neill, H.Murdoch; N.Rule, J.Marston, R.Wemyss; B.Morrow, F.Loughran, G.Nunn, L.Vella, B.Vogler.

The referee was Mr. B.Lund of Auckland.

Very heavy rain fell two hours before the match which was watched by a crowd of 8500.

New Zealand used superior tactics in the first half by moving the ball to the wings with long passes. However, New Zealand still had weaknesses in these two positions for neither player had an accurate or strong centring kick.

T.McCabe, on the right wing, especially hung back; at times he was almost in the half line. Steele, the left wing, scored New Zealand's goals through being on hand when required. Hume, the centre-forward, played one of his best matches. By chasing the ball industriously, he was always a danger but he had to make a lot of play for himself.

The two new insides, especially R.Kearns at inside left, were very solid without being spectacular.

The New Zealand wing halves, Armstrong on the right, and McFarlane on the left, never wearied and they harried the Australian forwards. The centre-half, van de Broek gave a vastly better display than in the first test. He played more confidently, breaking attacks up the centre and his heading in the second spell, when the Australians copied New Zealand's tactics, was invaluable.

Armstrong seemed the most at home in the conditions. Hough, in the New Zealand goal, had less to do than the Australian, J.McCabe.

Wemyss, the left half, was one of Australia's hardest workers on attack and defence. Marston was an admirable last line. One of the most dangerous players was Vogler, the robust left wing. He was responsible for one goal and had a hand in a shot which Aird put into the net.

During the second spell, Nunn, the centre-forward, again injured his leg and Vogler did a good job at this position. The right back, O'Neill, was responsible for some spectacular heading when intercepting New Zealand passes.

New Zealand attacked strongly from the kick-off. Hune and Steele both fired shots which slid off their boots. Australia became more prominent after 10 minutes but Aird, Lapwood and van der Broek broke them up before they became dangerous.

New Zealand scored the first goal after 11 minutes when Hume chased a ball to the stand side-line, and centred. Steele was on hand to bump it out of McCabe's hands as he jumped to take it.

Just before half-time, Australia scored when Loughran crossed to Vogler. Vogler shot a first time. It looked as if it might go past the post but Aird, running back knocked it into the net.

Immediately after the interval, New Zealand scored again. McCabe was out of his goal, Marston slipped in clearing, and the ball went to Steele who only had to walk the ball into the net. Hume was on hand also.

Five minutes later Australia scored. From an indirect free kick, Morrow, the right wing, took the kick but the ball rebounded and from the resulting melee Vogler scored. Over the 90 minutes, New Zealand forced seven corners to Australia's one.

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Heart of Midlothian Football Club (commonly known as Hearts) is the oldest football club in the Scottish capital (Edinburgh) having been formed in 1874 by a group of friends from the Heart of Midlothian Quadrille Assembly Club (Dancing). The group of friends played local rules football at the Tron before being directed to play at The Meadows.
In December 1873 a football match was held between an XI selected by Mr.Thompson (Queens Park) and an XI selected by Mr.Gardiner (Clydesdale) at Raimes Park in Bonnington. This was the first time that Association rules had been seen in Edinburgh, and members from the dance club who viewed the match decided to adopt the association rules.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
9th. May 1959, 15.00	Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales			16212

Australia..1 v. Heart of Midlothian (Scotland)..7

half time, Australia..0 v. Heart of Midlothian..4

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
						START LIST							
	GK	Jim McCabe		39				GK	Gordon Marshall				
	RB	Kevin O'Neill						RB	Robert Kirk				
	LB	John Pettigrew						LB	George Thomson				
	RH	Wilfred "Len" Quested						RH	Jim Murray	3			
	CH	Joe Marston (c)						CH	Jimmy Milne				
	LH	Cliff Sander						LH	John Cumming	X			
	OR	Jack Foster						OR	John Hamilton	X			
	IR	Spencer Kitching						IR	Alex Young	67			
	CF	Keith Learmonth						CF	Willie Bauld	33			
	IL	Jack Lennard						IL	Jimmy Wardhaugh (c)				
	OL	Brian Vogler	82					OL	Ian Crawford	51, 85			
						SUBSTITUTES							
	GK	Ron Brown				39							

Team Coach	Joe Marston	Team Coach	Tommy Walker
		Team Trainer	John Harvey
		Team Manager	
Referee	Stanislav Liebermann (NSW)		
Linesman		Squad List	Goalkeeper: Gordon Marshall
Linesman			Fullbacks: Robert Kirk, George Thomson, John Lough
			Half-backs: Jim Murray, Jimmy Milne, John Cumming, William Higgins, James Fotheringham
			Forwards: John Hamilton, Alex Young, Willie Bauld, Jimmy Wardhaugh, Ian Crawford, Robert Blackwood, Bobby Rankin

match report from The Sun-Herald, 10/5/1959, page 57 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=lL5f5cZqq8MC&dat=19590510&printsec=frontpage&hl=en

Scottish club Heart of Midlothian gave Australia a lesson in Soccer at the Sports Ground yesterday.
Australia, which did not include any top Federation players, was overwhelmed 7-1.
English right-half Len Quested was the only Australian player up to international standard.
The crowd of 16,212 left the Sports Ground without seeing the Hearts really extended.
Scottish internationals Jimmy Murray and John Cumming proved two of the best wing-halves ever to come to Australia.
Murray was moved from his Scottish World Cup inside-right berth to allow veteran Willie Bauld to come into the team.
Australia had no chance when Hearts turned on the power. All they could do was to stand and watch as the goals streamed in.
To add to Australia's troubles, South Australian goalkeeper Jim McCabe was led from the field by two ambulance men with a dislocated shoulder six minutes from half-time.
He was replaced by Canterbury youngster Ron Brown.
The maroon-shirted Hearts took things easy in the second-half - after leading 4-0 at the interval.
The Australian team gave a wretched display.
Only five players attended the Australian team's only training session at the S.C.G. No.2 on Friday. The others had not been notified.
Australian captain-coach Joe Marston turned in his worst-ever display in a big match at centre-half.
Hearts 19-year-old goalkeeper Gordon Marshall brought off several cat-like saves in the second half despite pain when two boils on his left elbow burst.
He received treatment from trainer John Harvey as Hearts forwards hammered the Australian defence at the other end of the ground.
Scots came from all parts of N.S.W. to see the first Scottish team to play in Australia since 1880.
At times the Australians were chasing moonbeams Hearts had too many tricks.
Hearts inside-right, Alex Young, proved a real personality. He scored the best goal of the match with an angled 30-yard drive in the 22nd minute of the second half.
Murray opened the scoring from close range after three minutes of play after a clever piece of work by veteran Bauld.
The wily Bauld feinted to trap a centre from Ian Crawford on the left flank but allowed it to pass to unmarked Murray.
Hearts led 2-0 when Cumming flashed the ball into the net with goalkeeper McCabe groping the air.
Nine minutes later McCabe was picking the ball out of the net after Hearts outside-right Johnny Hamilton blasted a 20-yard drive past him.
Bauld was giving Marston a torrid time. He scored a well-deserved goal in the 33rd minute to increase Hearts' lead to 4-0.
Tall inside-left Jimmy Wardhaugh danced through a closing ring of Australian defenders before slipping the ball across to Bauld.
Bauld side-footed the ball into an empty net.
Outside-left Ian Crawford steadied himself before placing Hearts' fifth goal past replacement goalkeeper Brown in the sixth minute of the second half.
Brown lay helpless on the ground after a drive from Hamilton rebounded from the crossbar.
Young and Crawford took Hearts to 7-0 in an inspired five minutes in the final stages.
Crawford scored his second goal by dribbling round goalkeeper Brown before sliding the ball into an empty net.
Queensland outside-left Brian Vogler notched Australia's only goal after a misunderstanding between Marshall and full-backs Bobby Kirk and George Thomson eight minutes from full-time.
Hearts' director Mr.R.Tait said afterwards:"It was an easy match. Hearts showed why it is known as the 'prettiest' team in Scotland."
Former internationals rated Hearts inferior to Hungarian club Ferencvaros and Blackpool.
The Sydney Federation team to play Costa Rican club Deportivo Saprissa at the Sports Ground next Saturday received a warm reception when introduced to the crowd at halftime.
Federation team manager Mr.Fred Raymond said: "There wasn't a single weakness in the Hearts today. They are a fine team."
Promoter Mr.Jack Skolnik was delighted with the gate takings of £5,300.
Hearts' night match against N.S.W. at the Sports Groend on May 27 should be its toughest test in Australia.
Heart of Midlothian, 7 (I.Crawford 2, J.Murray, J.Cumming, J.Hamilton, W.Bauld, A.Young), beat Australia, 1 (B.Vogler).

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
10th. May 1959,	Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, New South Wales			10210

Australian XI..1 v. Heart of Midlothian (Scotland)..6

half time, Australian XI..0 v. Heart of Midlothian..3

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Nick Sokoloff						GK	Gordon Marshall				
	RB	Graham Kathage						RB	Robert Kirk				
	LB	Kevin O'Neill (c)						LB	George Thomson				
	RH	Keith Grant						RH	Jim Murray				
	CH	John Pettigrew						CH	Jimmy Milne				
	LH	Cliff Sander						LH	John Cumming				
	OR	Jack Foster						OR	Robert Blackwood	85			
	IR	Spencer Kitching						IR	Alex Young				
	CF	Len Quested						CF	Willie Bauld	20, 40, 80			
	IL	Brian Vogler						IL	Jimmy Wardhaugh (c)	X			
	OL	Graham McMillan	50					OL	Ian Crawford	25			
Team Coach							Team Coach		Tommy Walker				
							Team Trainer		John Harvey				
							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

This match was originally scheduled as New South Wales v. Heart of Midlothian at Wallsend but after conferring with Newcastle officials it was re-arranged for an Australian XI to play Hearts.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 11/5/1959, page 18 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZqq8MC&dat=19590511&printsec=frontpage&hl=en
Scottish Soccer club, Heart of Midlothian, with most of its players suffering from badly blistered feet, scored an easy win over an Australian Eleven at Wallsend today.
Most Hearts' players received treatment for blistered feet after Saturday's 7-1 win over Australia at the Sydney Sports Ground.
Inside-right Alex Young was the worst sufferer. He spent most of the second half today on the left wing.
A crowd of 10,210 saw the match.
Goalkeeper Nick Sokoloff saved the Australian Eleven from a bigger defeat, although the team put up a much better showing than on Saturday.
Veteran Scottish international, Willie Bauld, scored three great goals for Hearts.
Hearts' approach work was magnificent. Fullback George Thomson often brought the ball 50 to 60 yards upfield to make the extra man in attack.
Hearts' defence was watertight. Fullbacks Thomson and Bobby Kirk showed complete understanding with centre-half Jimmy Milne to smother the Australian Eleven forwards.
Hearts led 3-0 at the interval.
Hearts led 3-0 when, unmarked, Bauld steadied himself before placing a centre from Crawford into the top of the net.
The Australian Eleven fought back well in the second half and Queensland outside-left, Graham McMillan, netted a smart, opportunist goal in the 50th minute.
Hearts, 6 (W.Bauld 3, I.Crawford, R.Blackwood, J.Wardhaugh), beat Australian Eleven, 1 (G.McMillan).

In an article from The Sydney Morning Herald, 11/5/1959, page 18 (https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=lL5f5cZgq8MC&dat=19590511&printsec=frontpage&hl=en) the following was reported regarding the planned challenge matches against Heart of Midlothian and Deportivo Saprissa.

Leading Sydney Soccer players Leopold Baumgartner, Karl Jaros, Walter Tamandl, Erich Schwartz and Andreas Sghi have been banned from playing in Australia.
All are members of the unbeaten Prague team and four are with Sydney Federation's training squad to play matches against the Costa Rican team, Deportivo Saprissa.
The ban has been applied by the world controlling body, F.I.F.A.
It was discussed at a meeting of the Australian Soccer Association in Sydney on Saturday (9/5/1959) night.
The meeting decided to uphold the ban.
The Australian Soccer Association secretary, Mr.Roy Druery, received news of the ban by cable from the F.I.F.A. in Zurich at the weekend.
The cable said: "These players must not play with Sydney Club, F.C.Prague, or against Heart of Midlothian or Deportivo Saprissa until further notice."
Mr.Druery will notify the N.S.W. Soccer Federation of the ruling today.
The five players did not get clearances from the Vienna Club, F.K. Austria, before coming to Sydney, and were suspended by the Austrian Football Association.
Mr.Druery has been negotiating with the Austrian Football Association for three months to have the ban lifted.
The F.I.F.A. secretary, Mr.Kurt Gassman, notified Mr.Druery that the Austrian Football Association would refuse to lift its suspension until the players had been cleared by F.K. Austria.
F.K.Austria is believed to be demanding transfer fees amounting to about £5,000 for the five players.
"The only information I could get from F.I.F.A. and the Austrian F.A. is that the players broke contracts with F.K. Austria and left the country without clearances," Mr. Druery said.
The Sydney Federation accepted affliation to the Australian Soccer Association six weeks ago on the understanding that all its registered players would be eligible to continue playing.
If the Sydney Federation decides to allow the Austrians to continue to play, the Australian association faces the prospect of another breakaway body.
Mr.Druery said it was the trickiest problem the Australian association had faced in his 25 years as a secretary.
"There is no answer to the problem that I can see," he said.
The ban is not expected to prevent Baumgartner, Jaros, Tamandl and Saghi from playing for the Federation next Saturday against Deportivo Saprissa at the Sports Ground.
A Federation official said last night: "By the time the N.S.W. and Sydney federations have met to discuss the F.I.F.A. ban, Saturday's match will be over.
Austrian promoter Mr.Max Gold faces the possible abandonment of a brief New Zealand tour if Deportivo Saprissa goes ahead with plans to play against a Federation team including the disqualified players.

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
16th. May 1959,	Brisbane Cricket Ground, Woolloongabba, Brisbane, Queensland			13500

Australia..1 v. Heart of Midlothian (Scotland)..7

half time, Australia..1 v. Heart of Midlothian..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Brown						GK	Gordon Marshall				
	RB	Graham Kathage						RB	Robert Kirk				
	LB	Fulvio "Frank" Pagani	X(og)					LB	George Thomson	X			
	RH	Norman Rule						RH	Jim Murray	X			
	CH	Joe Marston (c)						CH	Jimmy Milne				
	LH	Cliff Sander						LH	John Cumming				
	OR	Bill McLean						OR	John Hamilton	X			
	IR	Frank "Joe" Barbazza						IR	Alex Young	X, X			
	CF	Colin Kitching	X					CF	Willie Bauld	X			
	IL	Frank Loughran						IL	Jimmy Wardhaugh (c)				
	OL	Graham McMillan						OL	Ian Crawford				X
SUBSTITUTES													
								OL	Robert Blackwood				X

Team Coach	Joe Marston	Team Coach	Tommy Walker
		Team Trainer	John Harvey
Team Manager	R.Lawrie	Team Manager	
Referee			
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from the Sun-Herald, 17/5/1959, page 57 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=lL5f5cZgq8MC&dat=19590517&printsec=frontpage&hl=en

Crack Scottish Soccer team Heart of Midlothian, dazzled Australia with science to score a 7-1 win at the Cricket Ground today.
It was the heaviest defeat suffered by Australia in Brisbane against an overseas team.
Australia managed to keep Hearts' lead to 2-1 at halftime, but after the interval the Hearts' short snappy passes and positional play tore the defence to ribbons.
But for some good work by Australian goalkeeper Ron Brown Hearts could have registered a double-figure score.
Hearts played like a machine and demonstrated how they have earned the reputation of the "prettiest" team in Scotland.
The Australians spent most of the game chasing the ball, which seemed to elude them by inches as the Scots found their man with accurate passes.
Wing halves Jimmy Murray and John Cumming dominated play in midfield for Hearts and kept their forwards on the attack throughout. Frequently they joined in raids on the Australian goal.
Inside forward Young gave a superb display of clever footwork and netted two goals.
On one occasion he outwitted four defenders to score.
There was no weakness in the Hearts' forwards, and John Hamilton, Willie Bauld and Jimmy Wardhaugh were constant threats to the defence.
Halfway through the first half, left-winger John Crawford left the field with an ankle injury and was replaced by Bobby Blackwood.
Centre-half Joe Marston and Queensland full-back Graham Kathage defended solidly in the first half, but like most of the Australians ran raggedly after the interval.
The forwards could never get going against the solid defence, and with the exception of State centre, Col Kitching, seldom looked dangerous.
Kitching frequently had to come well downfield to even get the ball.
Three goals in 15 minutes after the interval put Hearts right on top, and they thrilled the crowd with their play.
Just before the finish Hearts' half Jimmy Murray, scored with a high lobbing shot from 35 yards.
HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN, 7 (A.Young 2, J.Hamilton, W.Bauld, G.Thomson, J.Murray, F.Pagani (own goal)), beat AUSTRALIA, 1 (C.Kitching).

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
23rd. May 1959, 15.00	Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales			7057

Australia..1 v. Heart of Midlothian (Scotland)..7

half time, Australia..0 v. Heart of Midlothian..3

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Brown						GK	Gordon Marshall				
	RB	Graham Kathage						RB	Robert Kirk				
	LB	Stuart Sherwin						LB	George Thomson				
	RH	Norman Rule						RH	Jim Murray	46			
	CH	Kevin O'Neill						CH	Jimmy Milne				
	LH	Bede Greenfield						LH	John Cumming				
	OR	Bruce Morrow						OR	John Hamilton				
	IR	William Hume						IR	Alex Young	56, 61			
	CF	Colin Kitching						CF	Willie Bauld	42			
	IL	Frank Hearn	X					IL	Jimmy Wardhaugh (c)	22, 24, 47			
	OL	Hans Petersen						OL	Robert Blackwood				
Team Coach							Team Coach		Tommy Walker				
							Team Trainer		John Harvey				
							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from the Sun-Herald, 24/5/1959, page 49 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=lL5f5cZqq8MC&dat=19590524&printsec=frontpage&hl=en

Scottish Soccer club Heart of Midlothian coasted to a 7-1 win over Australia at t5he Sports Ground yesterday.
It completed a treble for Hearts, which has beaten Australia 7-1 in Sydney and Brisbane in the previous two weeks.
The Scots proved crafty technicians.
Only Hearts wing-halves John Cumming and Jimmy Murray seemed to have the ball in midfield.
A crowd of 7,057 rarely saw Hearts turn on full power.
Veteran Hearts inside-left Jimmy Wardhaugh scored three great goals in a polished display.
The Australians with the exception of English inside-left Frank Hearn and centre-half Kevin O'Neill gave a wretched display.
Hearn outwitted the two defenders before placing a low 20-yard drive past 19-year-old Hearts goalkeeper Gordon Marshall.
Hearts led 3-0 at half time. They took things easy after Murray and Wardhaugh scored in the opening minutes of the second half.
But the end had really come long before that.
Wardhaugh opened the scoring in the 22nd minute with an 18-yard drive after Bobby Blackwood cut the ball back from the right flank.
Two minutes later Wardhaugh deflected a 20-yard drive from Cumming past Australian goalkeeper Ron Brown.
Hearts had taken control. Wardhaugh made Hearts' third goal in the 42nd minute.
He slipped the ball to Willie Bauld, who left Brown stranded with an unstoppable drive into the top of the net.
Murray put Hearts ahead 4-0 in the first minute of the second half with a great solo effort.
He picked up the ball on half-way and worked his way upfield before blasting a 20-yard drive into the net.
A minute later Wardhaugh fell to the ground as he slid the ball past Brown from close range. It was his third goal.
Brown stood mesmerised in the 10th and 15th minutes of the second half as Alex Young cut in towards him and cooly slid the ball into the net.
Australian full-back Stuart Sherwin three times cleared the ball out of an open goal with Brown beaten.
The shooting of Hearts forwards in front of goal was dynamic. Brown said later it was the best he had ever seen.
Hearts, 7 (J.Wardhaugh 3, A.Young 2, W.Bauld, J.Murray), beat Australia, 1 (F.Hearn).

From an article in The Sydney Morning Herald, 28/5/1959, page 16 (http://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=lL5f5cZgq8MC&dat=19590528&printsec=frontpage&hl=en)

A FIFA spokesman said yesterday that the Sydney Soccer Federation should be suspended, but the initiative for this would have to come from the Australian Association.

However, the chairman of the Australian Soccer Association, Mr.S.Storey, said last night that his association would not take this action.

The FIFA spokesman is Mr.Kurt Gassman. He was speaking in Zurich to a "Sydney Morning Herald" staff correspondent.

Mr.Gassman said the former Austrian players, Leopold Baumgartner, Karl Jaros, Walter Tamandl and Andreas Saghi should not have been allowed to play in matches against the Costa Rican club, Desportivo Saprissa.

"The Australian parent body should suspend the Sydney Federation for ignoring FIFA's ban on these players."

"We cannot do anything unless we have an official complaint. We could receive one from the Australian Association or any other national federation with an interest in the matter."

"But I would not like to say what action we would take if we did get a complaint. That would be speculating too far ahead."

Mr.Storey said last night that the Australian Association, at its annual meeting in Brisbane on April 13, promised the Federation it would not interfere with the Costa Rican tour.

Baumgartner and Jaros were chosen in the Australian team to play Scottish club Heart of Midlothian in Sydney on May 9, but they were withdrawn when FIFA refused a cabled request for the suspensions to be lifted until further discussions had been held, he said.

"I approached the Minister for Immigration in Canberra to try to do something about this business, but nothing happened." Mr.Storey said.

The chairman of the Heart of Midlothian club, Mr.A.W.Strachan, refused to allow his team to play against a N.S.W. team at the Sports Ground last night which included the banned players.

The match was abandoned when the Federation retaliated by withdrawing all its players.

Six N.S.W. players have been chosen in the Australian team to play Hearts in Melbourne on Saturday.

The team is:-

Goal: J.Ruyters (Vic.); fullbacks: D.di Bartolo (S.A.), K.O'Neill (N.S.W. capt.); half-backs: G.Chiappin (S.A.), J.Pettigrew (N.S.W.), D.Hodgson (Vic.); forwards: J.Moore (N.S.W.), P.Cubero (Vic.), W.Hume (N.S.W.), F.Hearn (N.S.W.), B.Salisbury (N.S.W.)

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Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
30th. May 1959, 14.45	Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria			17500

Australia..1 v. Heart of Midlothian (Scotland)..9

half time, Australia..0 v. Heart of Midlothian..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Joe Ruyters						GK	Gordon Marshall				
	RB	Charlie Di Bartolo						RB	Robert Kirk				
	LB	Kevin O'Neill (c)						LB	George Thomson				
	RH	G.Chiappin						RH	Jim Murray	X			
	CH	John Pettigrew						CH	Jimmy Milne				
	LH	Don Hodgson						LH	John Cumming				
	OR	John Moore						OR	John Hamilton	X, X, X. X			
	IR	Pepe Cubero						IR	Alex Young	X, X			
	CF	William Hume	85					CF	Willie Bauld				
	IL	Frank Hearn						IL	Jimmy Wardhaugh (c)	X			
	OL	Barry Salisbury						OL	Ian Crawford	X			
Team Coach		Joe Marston					Team Coach		Tommy Walker				
							Team Trainer		John Harvey				
							Team Manager						
Referee		Luigi Cadelli											
Linesman													
Linesman													

John Moore is sometimes confused with Jim Moore (Canterbury-Marrickville).
G.Chiappin was also shown as John Chiappin.

match report from Soccer World, Volume 2, Number 18, page 7, 5/6/1959 by L.K.Stone
Heart of Midlothian last weekend comfortably defeated a pathetic so-called Australian team 9-1 and I thought it was noble of the visitors not to score double the number of goals.
More than 18,000 people went to Olympic Park and one expected Australia to give the brilliant Scots a little more than token resistance.
Selectors must take the blame for turning such an opportunity to promote and popularise soccer into a farce.
They are going the right way about it, if their intention is to kill the game.
Victoria's Scottish population, many of them seeing their first soccer match in Australia, turned out in force to give the brilliant Hearts a tremendous reception.
For Australia, goalie Joe Reuyters, who was not considered for the Victorian State side, was magnificent.
His heroic saves earned him many admirers.
I thought the backs and halfbacks were very poor, and, therefore, the forwards never had a chance to show their worth.
Under the circumstances, it was a complete waste of time and money to bring such players as Hearn, Hume and Salisbury to Victoria.
They are obviously used to and deserve to be in better company from a playing strength point of view.
It is difficult to say much about Hearts, other than that they are a great team, who gave a perfect exhibition of scientific soccer - but alas it was hardly a warm up for them.
Hamilton 4, Young 2, Wardhaugh, Murray and Crawford scored one each, and Hume was credited with Australia's lone goal.

match report from The Herald (Melbourne), 30/5/1959, page 38
Heart of Midlothian beat Australia 9-1 in a Soccer match at Olympic Park today.
The Scots took it easy in the first half, scoring only twice.
But after the interval they gave a display of ruthless, attacking football that left Australia floundering.
Australia were outclassed, outpaced and outplayed before a crowd of 20,000.
Star was right winger John Hamilton who got four goals.
He started the second half blitz which sent Australia reeling.
Australia's centre-forward, Len Hume, scored five minutes before the end when he steered the ball past Marshall who came out of his goal.
Hearts scorers: Hamilton 4, Young 2, Wardhaugh, Crawford, Murray.

match report from The Sun (Melbourne), 1/6/1959, page 37
On Saturday, the Hearts played tentatively against Australia for the first 10 minutes, gently probing their opponents and getting the "feel" of the ground.
This was the only period in which the Australian team looked as though it might be up to its task.
When the Hearts settled down, right-winger Johnny Hamilton and inside-left Jimmy Wardhaugh sent in low, unstoppable drives to make the score 2-0.
Opening confidently in the second half, the Hearts displayed power and polish.
With long forward, square and back passes, speedy dribbling and dummy movements they bewildered the Australian defenders with seven goals from all angles.
Five minutes before full time, Hearts' goalie Gordon Marshall fell in a saving tackle.
Before he could rise, Australian centre-forward Hume dashed in to score the home side's only goal.
Hearts 9 (Hamilton 3, Crawford 2, Young 2, Wardhaugh, Murray) d. Australia 1 (Hume).

copied from www.ozfootball.net

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
6th. June 1959,	Adelaide Oval, Adelaide, South Australia			13000

Australia..0 v. Heart of Midlothian (Scotland)..6

half time,

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ernie Gross						GK	Gordon Marshall				
	RB	Charlie Di Bartolo						RB	Robert Kirk				
	LB	Fulvio Pagani						LB	George Thomson	X(pk)			
	RH	Keith Grant						RH	Jim Murray				
	CH	Jack Mather (c)						CH	Jimmy Milne				
	LH	Jim Barr						LH	John Cumming				
	OR	Peter Stone						OR	Ian Crawford	X, X			
	IR	Don Hodgson						IR	Alex Young	X			
	CF	Colin Kitching						CF	Willie Bauld				
	IL	Graham McMillan						IL	Jimmy Wardhaugh (c)	X, X			
	OL	Les Scheinflug						OL	Robert Blackwood				
Team Coach		Joe Marston					Team Coach		Tommy Walker				
							Team Trainer		John Harvey				
							Team Manager						
Referee		F.Ward											
Linesman		S.Sands											
Linesman		R.Karney											

match report from The Advertiser, 8/6/1959, page 13

Australia, although beaten by six goals, put up a creditable performance against the strong Scottish team Heart of Midlothian at Adelaide Oval on Saturday.

The Hearts gave a brilliant exhibition of the type of soccer for which the Scots are famous - close passing from man to man with the wing halves following close behind the forwards and exploitting the short triangular pass with continual changing of positions.

However, if this Australian team had played as long together as the Hearts players have, it would have been an even game from start to finish.

Superior speed and stamina gave Hearts a big advantage in the second half when most of the Australian side was run to a standstill.

Hearts accurate ground passing and clever head placements, were better. The inside forwards Young, Bauld and Wardhaugh, repeatedly had the Australian defenders running the wrong way by adopting the body swerve to perfection.

Even Thomson, the full back, when he scored from a penalty, swerved his body just as he took the kick and had Gross moving towards the one side of the goal while he calmly placed the ball into the opposite corner.

Marshall, in the Hearts goal, played confidently throughout. Kirk and Thomson were reliable full backs but Thomson's easy going tactics in the latter stages when he kept passing the ball back to Kirk and Milne when it was easier to push the ball forward, was not always appreciated.

Murray, Milne and Cumming formed a brilliant half back line; always in position when Australia looked dangerous, yet ever ready to turn defence into attack with accurate placements to the men up front.

Of the two wingers Blackwood made more use of the ball than Crawford; Bauld was more erratic than usual at centre forward, but the footwork of inside forwards Young and Wardhaugh was a treat to watch.

Gross, the Budapest goalkeeper, playing in his first representative game, came out of it with an enhanced reputation. His handling of high shots was most impressive and on many occasions he blocked shots from the Hearts forwards by coming out to meet the advancing opponent and narrowing his view of the goal.

Graham's tackling at right back was good but his disposal was often erratic.

Pagani kept a close watch on Blackwood until injured and Di Bartolo worked hard in the second half.

Mather, the Australian captain, tackled well and his service to his forwards, even when under pressure, was always accurate.

Barr played a good game at left half back but Grant tired early and finished up on the left wing.

Australia's best man in attack was Kitching at centre forward; he distributed play well and bustled the Hearts defence throughout the game, giving the impression that with better support he would have collected several goals.

Stone on the right wing had a reasonably good first half but lost his punch in the latter stages. Left winger Scheinflug had flashes of brilliant play but lost his effectiveness when he started wandering all over the field in the second half.

McMillan, the Queensland inside left, was seldom in the picture and Hodgson was far below form.

Hearts 6, Australia 0.

Goalscorers - Hearts; Wardhaugh 2, Crawford 2, Thomson, Young.

Best - Hearts; Wardhaugh, Young, Cumming, Blackwood. Australia; Gross, Kitching, Mather, Graham, Barr.
Attendance - 13,000

copied from Richard Kreider "Paddocks to Pitches"

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
13th. June 1959, 15.00	W.A.C.A.Ground, Perth, Western Australia			10500

Australian Xl..0 v. Heart of Midlothian (Scotland)..9

half time, Australian Xl..0 v. Heart of Midlothian..3

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Frank Franken				X		GK	Gordon Marshall				
	RB	Noel Adair						RB	Robert Kirk				
	LB	Don McArdle						LB	George Thomson				
	RH	Robert Wemyss						RH	William Higgins				
	CH	Ron Adair (c)						CH	Jimmy Milne (c)				
	LH	William "Bill" Westerfeld						LH	John Cumming	X			
	OR	Peter Stone						OR	John Hamilton				
	IR	Tom Clayton						IR	Alex Young	X, X, X			
	CF	Jan Matiscsak						CF	Willie Bauld	X, X			
	IL	Tony Monks						IL	Robert Blackwood	X			
	OL	Doug Stewart						OL	Ian Crawford	X, X			
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Attilio Pasqualotto				X							

Team Coach		Team Coach	Tommy Walker
		Team Trainer	John Harvey
		Team Manager	
Referee	R.Mentlein		
Linesman			
Linesman			

match report from The West Australian, 15/6/1959, page 25
After having to fight hard for goals in the early stages, Scottish professional team Heart of Midlothian outplayed an Australian eleven to win, 9-0, at the W.A.C.A. Ground on Saturday.
Hearts gave a brilliant display of scientific soccer. The perfect ball control, accurate passing and clever interchanging of positions by the Scottish stars baffled the Australians.
A crowd of 10,500 saw the match. The paid attendance was 9,037 and gate receipts amounted to £3,000.
The fast, tricky Hearts forward line delighted the crowd with a variety of clever attacking moves.
However, Hearts took 15 minutes to score its first goal and its third did not come until a minute before half-time. With the Australian defenders nearly run off their feet, Hearts scored four goals in the last seven minutes of the match.
Stars of the Hearts attack were dashing outside-right Johnny Hamilton, inside-left Bobby Blackwood and centre-forward Willie Bauld.
Hamilton's clever footwork and deceptive body swerve bewildered the defenders, and his quick thrusts down the right wing created many scoring chances.
Left-half John Cumming was outstanding in midfield. His strong tackling and crisp ground-passing started many of his team's attacks. Centre-half Jimmy Milne was dominant in defence.
Goalkeeper Frank Franken gave a courageous display for the Australian team. Many times in the first half he dived to make spectacular saves from hard drives by the forwards.
When the score was 5-0 late in the second half, Franken left the field with an injured hand and Attilio Pasqualotto took his place in goal.
Australian right-half Bob Wemyss worked hard in defence, and centre-half Ron Adair and right-back Noel Adair tackled forcefully.
Heart of Midlothian 9 (Young 3, Bauld 2, Crawford 2, Blackwood, Cumming) b. Australian Eleven 0.
Best: Hearts; Cumming, Hamilton, Blackwood, Bauld. Australian eleven; Franken, Wemyss, Stone, R.Adair.

The "Hearts" team had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-

12th.May 1959 Queensland..3 v. Heart of Midlothian..3 at the Exhibition Ground, Brisbane, Queensland Attendance..
18th.May 1959 Northern Xl..2 v. Heart of Midlothian..8 at the Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, New South Wales Attendance..4000
24th.May 1959 South Coast..0 v. Heart of Midlothian..7 at the Wollongong Showground, Wollongong, New South Wales Attendance..
27th.May 1959 NSW Federation Xl v. Heart of Midlothian match at the Sydney Sports Ground was cancelled.
31st.May 1959 Victoria..0 v. Heart of Midlothian..5 at the Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria Attendance..
3rd.June 1959 Tasmania..0 v. Heart of Midlothian..10 at the North Hobart Oval, Hobart, Tasmania Attendance..
7th.June 1959 Victoria..1 v. Heart of Midlothian..7 at the Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria Attendance..
10th.June 1959 South Australia..0 v. Heart of Midlothian..8 at the Norwood Oval, Adelaide, South Australia Attendance..6,000
15th.June 1959 Western Australia..1 v. Heart of Midlothian..10 at the W.A.C.A. Ground, Perth, Western Australia Attendance..3500

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